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Lake Charles, Louisiana

March 15-17, 1961

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The purpose of the Woman's Society of Christian Service shall be to unite all women of the church in Christian living and service; to help develop and support Christian work among women and children around the world; to develop the spiritual life; to study the needs of the world; to take part in such service activities as will strengthen the local church, improve civic, community, and world conditions. To this end this organization shall seek to enlist women, young people, and children in this Christian fellowship, and to secure funds for the activities in the local church and the support of the work undertaken at home and abroad for the establishment of a world Christian community.

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2. **FRONTIERS THAT CALL US:** Secularism, Resurgence of Non-Christian Religions, Barriers of Race and Culture, Urbanization, Nationalism

3. **FACTORS THAT CONFRONT US:** Rapid Social Change, New Patterns of Family Life, Population Explosions, International Tensions, Changing Trends in Missions

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1940—First Methodist Church, Alexandria, October 23, Charter Meeting
1941—Noel Memorial Methodist Church, Shreveport, April 29-May 1.
1942—Trinity Methodist Church, Ruston, April 14-16.
1943—First Methodist Church, Monroe, March 30-April 1.
1944—First Methodist Church, Crowley, March 28-30.
1945—No Annual Meeting, Executive Meeting only.
1946—First Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, March 19-21.
1947—First Methodist Church, Lake Charles, April 8-10.
1948—First Methodist Church, Shreveport, March 16-18.
1949—First Methodist Church, Alexandria, March 22-24.
1950—Trinity Methodist Church, Ruston, March 28-30.
1951—First Methodist Church, Monroe, October 23-24.
1952—First Methodist Church, Lafayette, March 18-19.
1953—University Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, March 17-19.
1954—Payne Memorial Methodist Church, New Orleans, March 24-26.
1955—First Methodist Church, Lake Charles, March 18-20.
1956—First Methodist Church, Shreveport, March 2-4.
1957—First Methodist Church, Alexandria, March 13-15.
1958—First Methodist Church, Monroe, March 18-20.
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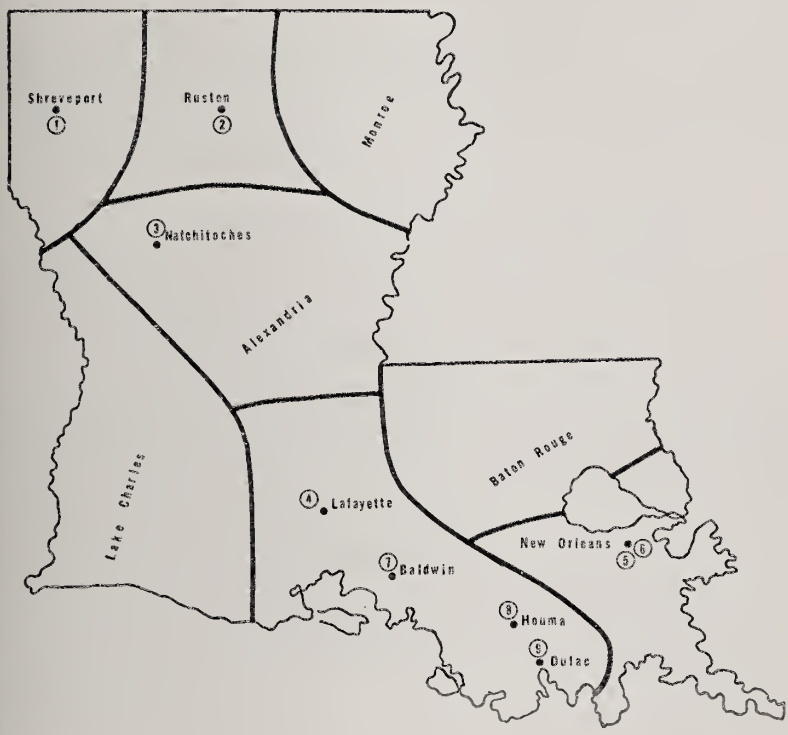

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On February 9, 1961, the Administrative Committee accepted with regret the resignation of Mrs. R. O. Coorpender, Conference Recording Secretary, who resigned because of illness in her family. On February 18th, Mrs. George H. Thomas was appointed Recording Secretary.

On May 12, 1961, the Administrative Committee appointed Mrs. C. J. Tackaberry to serve as a member of the Administrative Committee in the place of the former Research Chairman, Mrs. Cadwallader, in order that the personnel of the Administrative Committee might conform with the revised Bylaws of the Woman's Division for Conference Societies, which states that "The Administrative Committee shall be composed of seven officers or secretaries of lines of work."

Mrs. L. B. Kilpatrick, President
Mrs. B. F. Patterson, Jr., Secretary of Promotion

MID-YEAR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

St. Luke's Lake Vista
October 19-20, 1960, New Orleans, Louisiana

Following the meeting of committees during the morning hours, the Executive Committee, Louisiana Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service met for luncheon in the fellowship hall of St. Luke's Church. The Woman's Societies of St. Luke's and Lake Vista churches were co-hostesses for the mid-year meeting.

The meeting was called to order in the sanctuary of St. Luke's by the president, Mrs. L. B. Kilpatrick, at 1:00 p.m.

A musical prelude which was presented by Mrs. Will Ellzey, organist, Miss Edith Judkin, soloist, and Miss Jan Cole, flutist, set the mood for our opening session. On behalf of the Executive Committee, Mrs. Kilpatrick expressed thanks and appreciation for the lovely music.

After words of greeting to the Committee, the president presented the host pastor, the Reverend J. C. Whitaker, who extended words of welcome and conducted the opening devotional. "Faith of Our Fathers" was the hymn chosen, and the scripture was taken from the eleventh chapter of Hebrews. In his meditation he referred to Abraham as being called "Father of Faith," noting the specific call from God to Abraham to prepare his son for sacrifice. Because of Abraham's faith in God he was willing to be obedient to this call. The Call of God is a personal relationship to each and every one. We, too, must be obedient to this call. We must keep our hearts and minds in tune with God, believe in God, and rejoice because the future belongs to God. He concluded his message with prayer.

The presidents of the hostess societies, Mrs. Elmo Koschel of St. Luke's and Mrs. W. C. Christensen, Jr., of Lake Vista, were introduced by Mrs. Kilpatrick. Each extended gracious words of welcome and made necessary announcements. Also introduced at this time was Mrs. J. C. Whitaker, wife of the host pastor.

Roll Call showed the following members present: Mrs. Charles N. Cadwallader, Mrs. Lee Tidwell, Mrs. L. B. Kilpatrick, Mrs. M. R. Tatum, Mrs. R. O. Coorpender, Mrs. Herbert C. Loyd, Mrs. J. H. McSween, Mrs. R. R. Cahal, Mrs. Warren Orr, Mrs. Wideman Watson, Mrs. G. W. Dameron, Mrs. Robley Davis, Mrs. B. F. Patterson, Jr., Mrs. T. Haller Jackson, Mrs. Charles Giessen, Mrs. C. J. Tackaberry, Miss Sue Batton, Mrs. C. R. McCammon, Mrs. S. E. Richardson, Mrs. J. E. McCampbell, Mrs. John W. Waggoner, Mrs. T. Luster James, Mrs. W. W. Hyde, Mrs. Eloi Girard, Mrs. Shirley Ellender, Mrs. George Thomas, Mrs. A. J. McGrede, Mrs. T. R. Sartor, Jr., Mrs. A. H. Harper, Mrs. P. L. Foreman, Mrs. S. B. Dampier, Mrs. Carl Gallaher, Mrs. R. S. Wade, Mrs. J. E. Manis, Mrs. L. K. Wells, Mrs. L. C. Aycock, Mrs. J. L. Saxon, Mrs. J. T. Eubank, Mrs. W. D. Snelling. Mrs. Whitaker volunteered to send messages to those absent. Mrs. Glenn Laskey was not present for roll call but arrived at a later hour.

The president introduced all who had become members of the Committee since Annual Meeting: Mrs. Loyd, who was elected by the Administrative Committee in lieu of Mrs. McSween, resigned; Mesdames McCampbell, James, Girard, Ellender, Sartor, Williams, Foreman.

The correspondence was read; the secretary summarized briefly the less pressing matters.

A letter was read from Miss Rosie Ann Cobb, Superintendent of Sager-Brown Home, requesting the correction of an erroneous statement which appeared in the 20th Annual Report. Miss Cobb is well and at work. The secretary was instructed to write to Miss Cobb.

A letter was read from Mrs. L. F. Wagner, president of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, First Church, New Orleans, extending an invitation to the Woman's Society of the Conference to hold its Annual Meeting at First Church in 1962. The Secretary was instructed to write a letter to Mrs. Wagner accepting the invitation.

Mesdames Tackaberry and Gallaher were appointed to the Journal Committee; Mesdames James and Hyde were appointed to the Resolutions Committee.

Mrs. Tidwell, Secretary of Promotion for the South Central Jurisdiction, spoke of the great concern which is felt because of the loss of membership in the Woman's Society. Many women have dropped membership because they have become employed. While the Guild has gained in membership, the gain has not been enough to offset the loss from the Woman's Society. This fact should become one of great challenge to us.

Vice President: Mrs. Tatum reported that she had attended the Jurisdiction School of Missions; had served as assistant Dean for the Conference School of Missions; was responsible for the organization of the nursery which was held in conjunction with the School. The nursery was conducted at Broadmoor Church with sixty-two children from nine different churches in attendance, with the women from North Highlands acting as the hostess society. Noel Memorial Church will house the nursery, and Mrs. Euland Efurd, Secretary of Children's Work in Shreveport District, will be in charge of the nursery in 1961.

There were seventeen in attendance at her clinic at Conference School of Missions; she presented program material at the District Seminar in Ruston; presented the Study, "Alcohol and Christian Responsibility" at seminars for Ruston and Shreveport districts; sent one mailing to the district vice-presidents.

Recording Secretary: Mrs. Coorpender gave the report of her predecessor showing that 800 copies of the Annual Report were printed at a total cost of $1267.13. Approximately 700 copies were mailed under a mailing permit at a cost of 8½c per copy.

The secretary also presented for consideration an idea gleaned from another Conference, namely:—"A permanent record book shall be kept in which shall be recorded the Constitution, By-Laws, Rules of Order, and Standing Rules, leaving every other page blank, so that when an amendment is made, in

addition to being recorded in the Minutes, it can be entered immediately on the page opposite the Article amended, with a reference in red ink to the date and page of the Minutes where it is recorded." No action was called for at this time.

Treasurer: Mrs. Loyd called upon Mrs. McSween who made the following report for the first quarter 1960-61:

Receipts:		
Balance in Bank May 15, 1960		$ 6,411.83
Receipts first quarter		34,602.42
Disbursements:		
To Woman's Division	$20,743.15	
Transient Funds	948.04	
Louisiana Moral & Civic Foundation	700.71	
Marie Nelson Fund (From Christian Vocations Designated Funds)	50.00	
First Federal Savings & Loan Association of Alexandria (From designated funds, cash for Supply Work, Shiela Nuttall)	479.57	
Cultivation, Conference Paper, etc.	4,462.86	
Balance in Bank	13,629.92	
	$41,014.25	$41,014.25

Children's Work: Mrs. Cahal reported that workshops were held in each District at the time of Seminars for the Woman's Society; a Conference for Children's Workers will meet in January, 1961, — probably at Bunkie. She hopes that all of the District Secretaries will be in attendance at this meeting. Some of the districts are setting up funds to defray the expense of the Secretary of Children's Work to one yearly planning meeting of the Conference Council of Children's Workers.

Christian Social Relations: Mrs. Mouton was absent, being in attendance at the Seminar on United Nations, and her report was read by the secretary. She attended the Jurisdiction School of Missions and the Conference School of Missions; conducted a clinic at the Conference School, with fourteen in attendance — including three District Secretaries and one Guild Chairman; assisted by pastors of two churches in planning the church-wide study on Alcohol; appeared on two programs of local societies and two zone meetings, reporting on summer schools and promoting the work of Christian Social Relations emphasizing the new Board of Christian Social Concern; sent two mailings to the district secretaries. She attended the Regional Briefing Conference at Mt. Sequoyah in August which was called to brief leaders on the new Board of Christian Social Concern and conferred with the District Superintendent of Lake Charles District regarding the setting up of this board in the local churches; attended the Educational Institute for United Church Women in October, where she was in the workshop on Christian Social Relations and urged cooperation in "Trick or Treat" for UNICEF; attended the meeting of the Louisiana Organization for State Legislation in Baton Rouge.

Literature and Publications: Mrs. Orr reported that she had attended the Jurisdiction School of Missions; sent out newsletters to the District Secretaries urging attendance at the Conference School of Missions; attended the Conference School and conducted Clinic with two district and five local secretaries in attendance. Literature sold in the book room amounted to $1208.69. Mrs. R. L. Hansen of Shreveport will help in the Literature room next year. Mrs. Orr attended Guild Weekend at Camp Brewer and literature in the amount of $335.16 was sold at this meeting. Week of Prayer material was mailed to all societies and Guilds in August. She assisted in the United Church Women's Institute in New Orleans, working in the literature room and on the publicity committee.

Missionary Education: Mrs. Watson reported that twenty-one from Louisiana attended the Jurisdiction School of Missions; the 1961 date for the school will be June 26-July 1, with the theme "In Thee Our Life is One." Pattern of attendance will be: President, Vice-President, Recording Secretary, Treasurer:

Secretaries of: Children's Work, Christian Social Relations, Missionary Education, Missionary Service, Promotion, Spiritual Life Cultivation, Supply Work, Wesleyan Service Guild and the Wesleyan Service Guild Chairmen of: Christian Social Relations, Missionary Education, and Spiritiual Life Cultivation. Courses will be "Churches for New Times," "The Christian Mission in Latin America," "The Christian Citizenship," "The Meaning of Suffering." The Church-wide study will be "Latin America."

Coffee and cookies were served during a fifteen minute recess.

Mrs. Watson continued with a report on the Conference School of Missions: total attendance, 334; 113 churches represented, two being of other denominations; enrollment in classes, 305 with 276 receiving credits; 243 enrolled in clinics (many local people do not remain for the clinics). The love offering of $95.82 was divided as follows: $60 to maids in Cafeteria; $15 to maids in the dormitories; $13 to porters in Science Building; $6.87, School Expense; 95c postage on Jurisdiction Library. The Missionary offering amounted to $173.25. This included the amount of $8.50 contributed by the class of Mrs. George Metzell in her honor. The money was divided equally between the Study projects assigned to South Central Jurisdiction. Literature sales amounted to $1208.69. The School for 1961 will be held August 7-11 at Centenary College. The filmstrips "None For the Road" and "What Alcohol Will Do To the Human Body" may be obtained from the Alcohol Information Center, Commercial Building, Shreveport, Louisiana. Any chapter of Alcoholics Anonymous will be glad of the opportunity to provide a speaker whenever requested.

Missionary Personnel: Mrs. Dameron stated that the over-all themes for the Church and the Woman's Society in this new quadrennium—"Jesus Is Lord" and "Our Mission Today," respectively—are inseparable from an emphasis on Recruitment for service under the Church. She has had a growing conviction that, in addition to the need for workers themselves, those working in the area of Recruitment should emphasize the following needs:

1. To undergird the challenge to Christian service with a basic understanding of the Christian faith and its problems of encounter with a secular and/or non-Christian world.
2. To challenge youth and young adults to give definite consideration to a Church-related vocation.
3. To give definite opportunities to young people to dedicate themselves to a Church-related vocation. In our effort to stress the potentially sacred nature of all useful work, we have often failed to give young people the opportunities, at times of climactic importance, to pledge themselves to a vocational life within the Church.

In her file there are names of fifty-six young people with whom she has been in contact. Seventeen of these have reached junior or senior years in college and their names will be sent to the Office of Missionary Personnel of the Board of Missions; all the Directors of Wesley Foundations or Religious Activities on our college campuses have been contacted, requesting the names of young people who they know are interested in Church-related vocations. She attended the Jurisdiction School of Missions as did five of the District Secretaries. The Clinic at Conference School of Missions had thirteen persons participating, including the Conference Recording Secretary, the Conference Secretary of Youth Work, three District Secretaries of Youth Work, and local Secretaries of Youth and Student Work.

Eight young people attended the Missions Conference at Mt. Sequoyah in August, seven districts being represented. They are high in their praise of the conference—its program, its fellowship, and its value to a youth considering a Church-related vocation.

Kathleen Gates of Pollock, Louisiana, will represent the Louisiana Conference at the Jurisdiction Vocations Weekend in Kansas City, October 28-30. Kathleen is a junior in college and is looking forward to a career as a Missionary Nurse. By common consent it was agreed to send a wire to Kathleen while she is in attendance at the Conference, Mrs. Dameron to send the wire.

Mrs. Dameron also presented the report of the **Standing Committee on Missionary Personnel:**

The Standing Committee on Missionary Personnel, which held its annual meeting on Wednesday, August 17, 1960, at the Centenary College cafeteria, approved the following plans and activities for the ensuing year:

1. To cooperate with the Louisiana Conference Deaconess Board by:
   a. Helping with the entertainment and itineration of the Deaconess team in the Louisiana Conference, November 21-December 3, 1960.
   b. Promoting the sale and use of the Deaconess Place Mats.
   c. Assisting in an in-service training plan for young people interested in a Church-related vocation, especially in the area of local Church work, such as in Vacation Church Schools.
2. To prepare a suggested program, challenging youth to Church-related vocations and to send copies of this program to District and Sub-District MYF presidents and counselors.
3. To prepare a suggested program on Recruitment applicable for use in Zone meetings, this to implement Recommendation No. 9 under Missionary Personnel (20th Annual Report, page 86) adopted at the last Annual Meeting of the Conference Society.
4. To prepare a display or have some special presentation on Christian Vocations at the Annual Meeting.
5. To prepare a Flip Chart on Recruitment for use in local Societies, Committees on Christian Vocations, etc.

Mrs. Dameron moved the adoption of this report. Motion carried.

Missionary Service: Mrs. Davis stated that her mailing list numbers sixty-two: six foreign, twelve home, seven retired workers; nine heads of institutions, and staff members at Dulac, Macdonell, Sager-Brown Home, and St. Mark's. She has sent thirty-nine birthday messages since the Annual Meeting. Emphasis this year is on the Missionary Minute. ONE MINUTE — ONE MEETING — ONCE A MONTH: letters for each local Secretary of Missionary Education were given to the six District Secretaries of Missionary Education who attended Conference School of Missions. Letters were sent by fellow district officers to the two Secretaries who were absent. All were asked to send these by mail rather than distribute at Seminars, expense of postage to be refunded by the Conference Secretary of Missionary Service. The "Memory Book" is full and overflowing and she asked guidance as to whether or not she should secure another one, and, if so, which workers should be included.

It was the concensus of those present that we should continue the book, and Mrs. Davis was instructed to secure another of comparable type to the present one. Mrs. Dameron moved that we keep up with all of the workers, both those employed within Louisiana and those from Louisiana employed elsewhere. Motion carried.

Mention was made of Carrie Lena Myrick of Jamestown Louisiana. She has just completed her two-year commitment, and it was suggested that members of the Executive Committee send her notes of commendation and encouragement.

The president, in absence of the Secretary of Christian Social Relations, made mention of the LOSL organization and the good work which it is doing and gave examples of some of the things it had promoted during the last legislative session. She also urged support of the United Church Women. The next Annual Meeting of the United Church Women will be held in New Orleans, March 22-23, 1961.

The afternoon session was then adjourned with prayer, led by Mrs. Wells.

For dinner the Committee met at Lake Vista Church. Mrs. Kilpatrick called upon Mr. Charles N. Cadwallader to return thanks. Mrs. Kilpatrick presented the host pastor, the Reverend Clyde C. Frazier, and Mrs. Frazier, who welcomed us to their church. Mrs. Christensen, president of Lake Vista Society, presented the ladies who were serving the dinner.

The Committee returned to the sanctuary of St. Luke's Church for its evening session.

After the organ prelude, the meditation was led by Mrs. Jackson. She chose her Scripture reading from the 29th chapter of Jeremiah and her theme was "Our Two-Fold Need." She spoke on our need of God, how man has always sought power outside himself; and God's need of us and that we should always have purpose and meaning in all we try to do for Him. The hymn "I Need Thee Every Hour" was chosen for this meditation.

Secretary of Promotion: Mrs. Patterson stated that loss in membership is still one of our main concerns. Somewhere we are failing to reach the women and challenge them with a wider field of service through the Woman's Society. This is a problem which all district and conference officers should have on their hearts. Reports are coming in on the use of the Guide to the study of the Annual Report. The Guides were promoted at the Seminars in September. Record and Report Books have been received by the societies having account numbers at Literature Headquarters. District Secretaries of Promotion were reminded that the smaller societies may not have an account number at the Headquarters so it will be necessary to exert extra effort to arrange for some type of reporting from these. She displayed a file for ministers on the work of the Woman's Division. At the request of Mrs. Kilpatrick, this file was made because it can be of invaluable help to young men just beginning their ministry as well as to those ministers who have been serving a long time. She suggested the holding of a clinic for pastors at officers' training time at Zone or District Meetings.

Mrs. W. B. Landrum, Field Worker in the Section of Education and Cultivation of the Woman's Division, will be the itinerate speaker for the spring District Meetings. The date and places for these meetings were given. If Mrs. Landrum's schedule will permit, the Guild wants her for a meeting in New Orleans.

Spiritual Life Cultivation: Mrs. Jackson reported that she had attended the Jurisdiction School of Missions and the Conference School of Missions; had conducted her Clinic at the latter school with three of the District Secretaries of Spiritual Life Cultivation in attendance; had the standing committee on Spiritual Life Cultivation in her home for lunch, at which time plans for promotion of the work were discussed. Since the General Conference designated this to be a "quadrennium of prayer," prayer life should be stressed even more than in the past. The committee members accepted the challenge from our Jurisdiction that we endeavor to attain the goal of 100% observance of the Week of Prayer and Self-Denial. A letter promoting the work was sent to all local societies in September; she wrote to the District Secretaries of Spiritual Life Cultivation several times.

Student Work: Mrs. Giessen stated that some 50,000 students from overseas are studying in the United States of America. We should be witnessing to them and they to us. The Secretaries of Student Work have pledged themselves to let no student fail to find friendship and understanding during their stay with us. Local secretaries have sent more than a thousand student information cards to college campuses; Methodist Student Day was observed in June. Special emphasis was placed this past year upon the opportunity of serving college youth. Plans are to be made to observe Student Recognition Day in December. Reverend Allen Jernigan requested that she express to the Executive Committee the deep gratitude of the students for the financial assistance rendered them last year on traveling expenses to the 18th Ecumenical Conference. The Quadrennial meeting of the Methodist Student Movement is to be held August 26-31, 1961, at the University of Illinois. Reverend Jernigan feels that financial assistance will be needed and suggested the amount of three hundred dollars as a significant contribution. The matter was referred to the Finance Committee. A new leaflet called "The Secretary of Student Work of the Woman's Society of Christian Service," which covers major aspects of Student work, will soon be off the press and is to be used until the new Handbooks are published.

Supply Work: Mrs. Tackaberry reported that the Askings for Supply Work for 1959-1960 were $10,972.44. The overall payment in value of goods and cash was $17,555.31; however, we failed to meet our askings for Wesley Foundation by $2.00. This means that we must keep encouraging the societies to pay askings first and other supply giving afterwards. Our askings for 1960-1961 are $11,873.98. The fact that only 70% report seems to indicate that we are reaching only about two-thirds of our resources. Lake Charles District is the only district having 100% reporting. Report blanks have been mailed to each District Secretary of Supply Work; St. Mark's Community Center received $30.05 bonus for Red Scissor Coupons; new promotion material has been mailed to every district; Illinois Canning Company products, which include Pride of Illinois, and Joan of Arc, are being redeemed at double value until December 31, 1960. Dulac Community Center is to dedicate their new building on Friday, October 21, 1960, at 7:00 p.m. All are invited to share this happy event. Since God so graciously supplies all of our needs, may we let receiving and giving be the alternate beats of our Christian hearts.

Mrs. Tackaberry and Mrs. Thomas were appointed by the president to serve on the Boards of Dulac Community Center and MacDonell Methodist Center.

Wesleyan Service Guild: Miss Sue Batton reported that the work of the Guild is making progress along all lines and more interest is manifest in programs and the manner of presentation of same; attendance has increased fifty per cent or more during the past two years; Annual Guild Weekend at Camp Brewer in July was very successful with one hundred fifty nine in attendance and clinics for all lines of work and workshops for all officers were well planned. Miss Ann Ruth Jones, who spent three years in the Congo, brought the Recruitment program and the quiet hour.

The full quota, twenty-five, attended Jurisdiction Guild Weekend at Mt. Sequoyah; Mrs. Kilpatrick was elected member at large and Miss Arline Tyler was elected Chairman of Spiritual Life Cultivation of the Jurisdiction. The Conference Secretary and Chairmen of three lines of work remained for the Jurisdiction School of Missions. These officers presented four studies at the Conference Guild Weekend. Conference and District officers met at Camp Brewer September 10-11 for a training and coaching conference. All eight districts were represented. A new unit in the Ruston District and two units in the Baton Rouge District have recently been organized. Plans have been made for the observance of Week of Prayer and Self-Denial and for observance of United Nations Day, both in October. Guild month will be observed in January. Two districts are planning a Tour of the Mission Work in Louisiana. A Retreat is being planned for January, 1962, to be held at Hodges Gardens. The Guild Pledge to Missions for last year was overpaid.

Mrs. Kilpatrick urged that we promote the recognition of Guild Month in all of our local churches and spoke of the personal satisfaction to be gained from seeking to get the employed women to join the Guild where they can be a part of all activities.

Youth Work: Mrs. McCammon reported that she attended Youth Assembly where she served as an adult leader; was responsible for one Bible Discussion Group and also conducted a special interest group in Christian Outreach. The large group of young people in the interest group were studying the program area of Christian Outreach as a part of the total MYF program. Mr. Leo Hsu of Hong Kong, a seminary student at Southern Methodist University, spoke to the group and through him the young people learned of the magnificent work in outreach being done in Hong Kong through the MYF fund. Many young people, for the first time, saw the outreach program personalized in the life of an individual. She attended the South Central Jurisdiction Workshop in August; attended the Conference School of Missions and participated in the Clinic on Missionary Personnel; reports from seminars have been encouraging; the Committee on School of Missions has accepted the recommendation that a limited number of girls be included in the 1961 School of Missions to participate in all activities of the School and to have a special study group on Christian Outreach. Plans are being made for the furthering of the program of missionary education among youth. She will participate in a nation-wide meeting

of Conference Youth Directors and Conference Secretaries in Nashville, Tennessee, October 31 through November 4 and will assist as one of the discussion group leaders.

Committee on Louisiana Conference News: Mrs. McSween, chairman, brought recommendations as follows:

The committee on the Louisiana Conference paper recommends:

1. That there be two additional mailings during the current fiscal year, 1960-1961.
2. That the mailing dates for these issues be January 15, 1961, and May 15, 1961, and that the deadline for receiving articles for the paper be December 1, 1960, and April 1, 1961, respectively.
3. That the paper be sent to the following:
   a. Bishop Aubrey Walton of the Louisiana Area.
   b. The District Superintendents of the Louisiana Annual Conference.
   c. The Executive Committee of the Conference Woman's Societies of Christian Service.
   d. The Executive Committee of the District Woman's Society of Christian Service.
   e. Zone Leaders.
   f. Officers and Secretaries of lines of work of the local Woman's Societies of Christian Service.
   g. Officers and Chairmen of lines of work of the Conference Wesleyan Service Guild.
   h. Secretaries and Chairmen of lines of work of the District Wesleyan Service Guilds.
   i. Officers and Chairmen of lines of work of local Wesleyan Service Guilds.
   j. President of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the South Central Jurisdiction.
   k. Presidents of the Conferences of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the South Central Jurisdiction.
   l. Workers under the Woman's Division within the Louisiana Conference, Missionaries from Louisiana at work in the foreign field and the President of the Louisiana Conference Deaconess Board.
4. That plans for the paper be reviewed at the Mid-Year Executive Committee Meeting in 1961.
5. That, to assist in determining the value of the paper to local Societies and Guilds, the Conference and District Executive Committees stress the use of the Evaluation Report to be included in each issue of the paper and that these reports be sent to the Chairman of the Committee on the Conference Paper.

Suggested Rules:

1. That each member of the committee on the conference paper receive a copy of all materials submitted for printing in the paper. By following this plan the Committee will be able to assist the Editor in laying out the format of the paper.
2. That careful attention be given to correct use of Woman's Society terminology—Illustrations—"Secretary of Missionary Personnel" not Missionary Personnel Secretary; "Woman's Society of Christian Service" or "Woman's Society," not WSCS.
3. That in the interest of uniformity the following points be observed in preparing articles:
   a. No salutations be used
   b. No addresses be given
   c. No abbreviations be used

d. That articles for promotion of the work of the Woman's Society be headed as follows: Illustrations—

Conference	Districts
President Mrs. L. B. Kilpatrick	Alexandria District Mrs. S. E. Richardson, President
Missionary Education Mrs. Wideman Watson, Secretary	Mrs. Kathleen Waggoner Secretary of Promotion

4. That Conference Officers and Secretaries of lines of work be allowed approximately three hundred words per article and Districts be allowed approximately four hundred words per articles.

Mrs. J. H. McSween, Chairman
Mrs. P. D. Lambert
Mrs. G. W. Dameron

Mrs. McSween told of different methods of mailing said paper, the cost and the labor involved. Mrs. McCammon moved that the decision in the matter of mailing be left to the discretion of the Committee. Motion carried. Mrs. Tatum moved that the recommendations of the Committee be approved. Motion carried.

Committee on Mid-Year Meeting Place: Mrs. Wells, President of the Ruston District, extended an invitation from Grace Church in Ruston to the Executive Committee to hold its Mid-Year meeting in 1961 with them. The Secretary was instructed to write a note of thanks and acceptance.

Committee on Program for Annual Meeting: Mrs. Watson briefly presented the program as it is now shaping up. The Theme Hymn is to be "The Voice of God Is Calling." The theme is "God Calls to Witness and Service." Mrs. Milton Randolph will lead the Quiet Hour each day. The recommendations of the committee were read but because of the lateness of the hour discussion of same was deferred until the next meeting.

Mrs. Watson brought greetings from Miss Elizabeth Thompson and Mrs. G. W. Pomeroy.

The following committee meetings were announced:—

School of Missions and Christian Service—8:00 o'clock, Thursday morning.

Finance—after adjournment of evening session.

Cooperative Youth Work and Tours—after adjournment of evening session.

Mrs. Saxon led in the prayer of dismissal.

THURSDAY MORNING

The period of worship and prayer was led by the Reverend Clyde C. Frazier. Hymn number 306, "Thy Will Be Done" was sung, with Mrs. Earl Cobb at the organ.

Reverend Frazier chose his scripture from Isaiah 30:15, "In quietness and in confidence shall be your strength." He brought forth the idea that we are prone to be afraid of silence. This should not be so: we should cultivate the habit of being silent before God for a few moments at a time. We should consider the benefits which such silence may bring. Silence is like an oasis in the burning desert. It brings understanding, and quietly there flows into the heart the Peace that passeth understanding.

Mrs. Watson again read the recommendations of the Committee on Program for the Annual Meeting and moved their adoption. Motion carried. The recommendations are as follows:

The Committee on Program for Annual Meeting recommends:

1. That we dispense with packets such as we have had in previous years.
2. That the recommendations from all officers and secretaries of lines of work be summarized into a single list of composite recommendations,

with the exception of the treasurer; that a committee be appointed to make this summary; that each officer and each secretary of a line of of work submit her most important recommendations to the committee by February 1, 1961.

3. That delegates be provided with a folder enclosing a copy of the program, the list of composite recommendations, the evaluation sheet, the treasurer's report and recommendations, a note pad, pencil, and any other material the local committee wishes to include.

Mrs. Patterson, Mrs. Tatum, and Mrs. McCammon were appointed as the committee to compile the composite recommendation sheet.

President's Report: Mrs. Kilpatrick prefaced her report with the following statement: "This has been a full year, but a deeply rewarding one, and for the privileges and opportunities of service there is overflowing gratitude to God." She summarized some of the actions of the South Central Jurisdictional Conference held in June—Louisiana's being made an area by itself; the election of Bishop Aubrey G. Walton and his assignment to this area; acceptance of the Advance Specials—$38,000 to help raise salary levels and assist in the building programs of the Central Jurisdiction that is within the bounds of the South Central Jurisdiction, $248,750 for the Indian Mission Conference, and $624,750 for the Spanish-speaking work. Our Jurisdiction is to be the Pilot Group for promoting "Meals for Missions." This concerns the churches of the South Central Jurisdiction, but, since we are, first, members of the Methodist Church, we will be deeply concerned with these Specials that are to be ours alone—the South Central Jurisdiction.

Dr. Virgil Morris and Mrs. Kilpatrick were elected trustees to the Lydia Patterson Institute.

Dr. Paul Womeldorf, Executive Secretary of the South Central Jurisdiction, paid tribute to the work of the Woman's Society as the conference presidents were presented to the delegation at the time the Jurisdiction President gave her report.

In June, the Board of Missions held the organizational meeting for the quadrennium. Our Conference had eight young people present, all districts except one being represented. It was a heart-warming experience to see their awakening interest and enthusiasm as the Missionaries challenged them with the opportunities of service in the on-going of the work of the Kingdom. She attended the Jurisdiction School of Missions, with its usual period of spiritual enrichment.

At a meeting of the Deaconess Board the decision was made to meet prior to our own Annual Meeting in March. Mrs. Kilpatrick was authorized to write the chairmen of the employing boards, or the ministers of the churches for which our deaconesses in Louisiana work, askng that they be given opportunities, when possible, to attend Deaconess Meetings on all levels. She attended many other board meetings of the Church and the Woman's Society; she spoke to many local societies; presented the Home Study in two District Seminars; gave study on U. N. to a local society; was extended an invitiation to be the speaker on Layman's Day for a Sunday night service, which she felt honored to fulfill. She gave a report of the year's work at Annual Conference, attended both the Jurisdiction and the Conference Guild Weekend; was elected as a member of the Jurisdiction Guild Standing Committee; has noted in the Louisiana Methodist, the number of societies celebrating the 20th Anniversary and also the accounts of cooperative activities of the Woman's Society and the Guild on many occasions. She urged that we work and pray constantly to attain our goals on recruitment and membership.

She closed with the words from Esther 4:14, "Who knows whether you have not come to the Kingdom for such a time as this." Who knows that Methodist women are not come to the Kingdom for such a time as this—a revolutionary time—a turbulent time—but as Methodist women coming to the Kingdom to "Find the Eternal Values in a World of Change."

The president brought the news that Mrs. Laskey had recently attended an Organizational meeting of the Board of Missions held in Chicago. At this meeting Mrs. Laskey was elected Chairman of the Woman's Section, thereby becoming an officer of the Woman's Division. By virtue of her office she becomes Vice President of the Joint Section and a member of the Interboard Committee on Missionary Education. The president then called upon Mrs. Laskey who spoke of the challenging plans being made by the Interboard for this quadrennium. She also told of the report of Bishop Raines upon his return from our mission projects in Africa, mentioning in particular the conduct of the Christian nationalists during the uprising in the Belgian Congo, giving assurance that Missions do pay off. She stated that the Woman's Division and the Division of World Missions are giving financial assistance for the Technical School which is now being set up in the Congo.

Committee on Tours: Mrs. Dameron, chairman, read the following:

The Committee on Tours recommends:

1. That the Tour for Young People planned for the summer of 1961 be postponed until summer of 1962, possibly in July, and that the Finance Committee place this matter on its agenda for the Mid-Year Executive Committee Meeting in 1961.

She moved its adoption. Motion carried.

Mrs. McCammon explained the reason for the decision of the committee, namely, the need of working out in detail the financial aspects of the tour, and the need of having substantial backing for the expenses thereof.

Mrs. McCammon brought a message from Miss Louise Sharp, from which are recorded the following excerpts—

"Thank you for the privilege of being an ex-officio member of the Louisiana Conference Executive Committee. . . . You have encouraged, inspired, and supported me in so many ways I cannot number them. I leave my former job with a feeling of sadness, especially since there is not, at present, anyone to replace me, but I am looking forward to the challenge of the tremendous task before me. I covet your prayers that I may grow in understanding of the great need here and in dedication of all I am and have as a witness for God."

Finance Committee: Mrs. Eubank read the recommendations of this committee and moved that they be adopted. The motion was seconded. The recommendations were to be voted upon section by section. Some sections needed revisions, so the committee re-convened to make the necessary changes.

Mrs. Patterson moved that the time of April 26-27, 1961, be set for District Training Day, as recommended by the finance committee. Motion carried.

Committee on Constitution and Bylaws: Mrs. Laskey presented the report of the committee and after discussion and changes from the floor, she moved that the report be adopted as edited. Motion carried.

(Page numbers refer to Twentieth Annual Report.)

Article III — **Funds** (Page 121)

Add

Section 8. All orders on the treasury must be approved by the Conference President and Secretary of Promotion.

Article IV — **Executive Committee** (Page 121 and 122)

Section 1. The executive committee of the conference society shall be composed of the president, the vice-president, the recording secretary, the treasurer, the secretaries of Children's Work, Christian Social Relations, Literature and Publications, Missionary Education, Missionary Personnel, Missionary Service, Promotion, Spiritual Life Cultivation, Student Work, Supply Work, Wesleyan Service Guild and Youth Work; the following Ex-officio members: the Conference Director of Youth Work, the chairman of the Conference News Sheet, the retiring

conference president, who shall serve for one year, the resident Bishop, the wife of the resident Bishop, who shall be an honorary vice-president, all members of the Woman's Division of Christian Service, officers and secretaries of lines of work of the jurisdiction society residing within the conference, chairmen of standing committees, the president of each district Woman's Society, and such other persons specifically related to the work of the Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service as the conference society may determine. A majority shall constitute a quorum. The division shall provide the expense for the attendance of division members for one executive meeting annually of their conference society.

Section 2. (Add the following sentence at the end of the present paragraph.) "The executive committee shall be advised immediately of business transacted by the administrative committee."

Article V — **Standing Committees**

Renumber Sections 1 to 11 as follows: Section 11 becomes No. 1, Section 2 remains No. 2, Section 5 becomes No. 3, Delete Section 9 and substitute new Section 4.

No. 4 — There shall be a standing committee on nominations, composed of one representative from each district, nominated by the Executive Committee of the District Woman's Society of Christian Service, and one additional person, who will serve as chairman, all nominated by the Conference Executive Committee and elected in the annual meeting of the conference Woman's Society of Christian Service. It shall be the duty of this committee to find specially qualified women in the conference who may serve as officers, secretaries of lines of work, chairmen of committees and members of the committee on nominations and nominate them, the term of service of these committee members to be determined by the Executive Committee.

Section 3 becomes No. 5, Section 1 becomes No. 6, Section 4 becomes No. 7, Section 6 becomes No. 8, Section 7 becomes No. 9, Section 8 becomes No. 10, Section 10 becomes No. 11, Section 12 remains No. 12, Section 13, remains No. 13.

The Standing Rules of the Conference

Word of Explanation —

The Standing Rules have just grown and developed as needs have arisen. They should be renumbered and regrouped by headings according to subject matter, so they fall into a better sequence. For example, annual meeting, funds, annual report, miscellaneous. The following is an attempt at reorganization:

Annual Meeting

No. 11 becomes no 1, No. 8 becomes No. 2, New standing rule becomes No. 3

No. 3 — The conference membership at an annual meeting shall be composed of the following persons who have the privilege of voting: the executive committee, all local delegates, the wife of the resident Bishop, all past conference presidents, the chairman of the Deaconess Board, all district officers and secretaries of lines of work, and all zone leaders.
No. 9 becomes No. 4, No. 10 becomes No. 5, No. 6 remains No. 6, No. 5 becomes No. 7, No. 14 becomes No. 8, No. 15 becomes No. 9.

Funds

No. 16 becomes No. 10, No. 1 becomes No. 11, No. 12 remains No. 12, No. 13 remains No. 13, No. 19 becomes No. 14, No. 17 becomes No. 15, No. 22 becomes No. 16.

(No. 22 — in line three delete the words "Finance Committee" and change to "Administrative Committee.")

New standing rule becomes No. 17

No. 17 — When death occurs among members of the executive committee, or to relatives living within the home of executive committee members, a remembrance gift of $5 may be sent as a memorial.

New standing rule becomes No. 18

No. 18 — When young women from the Louisiana Conference are commissioned as Deaconesses or as Missionaries a gift of $25 shall be presented them and a Special Membership given in their honor. When missionaries return to the field after furlough an additional $25 is to be given them.

School of Missions

No. 18 becomes No. 19, No. 21 becomes No. 20, No. 20 becomes No. 21

Annual Report

No. 2 becomes No. 22, New standing rule becomes No. 23

No. 23 — The conference recording secretary shall have printed in the Annual Report a mailing list, according to categories, to whom the Annual Report is to be sent.

Miscellaneous

No. 3 becomes No. 24, No. 4 becomes No. 25.

New standing rule for local societies — No. 13

No. 13 — A contribution of 25c per member may be sent annually to the Louisiana Moral and Civic Foundation.

Mrs. Dameron told of plans that have been carried out to promote the work of the Christian Vocations Commission in the local churches.

Mrs. Patterson had no special report on promotion of a special day being set aside in the local church for recognition of the work of the Woman's Society, but stated that on some of the reports she received, mention was made of having a Woman's Day in the church. She was in hopes that all Secretaries of Promotion would continue to promote this idea.

Mrs. Eubank at this time brought the revised sections of the Finance Committee recommendations. These were adopted. The entire report as adopted is given herewith:

The Finance Commmittee recommends:

1. That the pledge to Missions to the Woman's Division of Christian Service for the year 1961-1962 be $112,225.00.

2. That the Districts pledge to Conference as follows:

Alexandria	$ 10,800.00
Baton Rouge	18,750.00
Lafayette	9,600.00
Lake Charles	13,800.00
Monroe	15,700.00
New Orleans	15,700.00
Ruston	13,000.00
Shreveport	27,275.00
	$124,625.00

3. That the budget for 1961-1962 be as follows:

Budget:

Officers Expense	$ 1,000.00
Annual Meeting	1,400.00
Annual Report	1,350.00
Mid-Year Executive Meeting	250.00
Jurisdiction Meeting	750.00
Conference School of Missions	1,600.00
Jurisdiction School of Missions	650.00
Christian Social Relations	300.00
Conference Workshops	200.00
Christian Vocations	200.00
Conference Youth Director	600.00
Cooperative Meetings	500.00
Missionary Minute	60.00
Jurisdiction Cultivation	700.00
Division Cultivation	70.00
Miscellaneous	1,170.00
Guild	1,600.00
	$ 12,400.00

4. That the recommendation that all Conference officers and secretaries of lines of work be required to attend the Conference School of Missions be tabled for one year.

5. That the meeting for training of District officers of the Louisiana Conference be held in Alexandria in April or May of 1961; that it be an overnight meeting to begin at 2:00 p.m. and close at noon the following day, and that the expenses be paid out of Conference Cultivation funds.

6. That the recommended pattern of attendance at the 1961 Jurisdiction and Conference Schools of Missions and Christian Service as shown on page 11 of the 20th Annual Report, be followed.

7. That the expense of District Officers within the pattern of attendance to the Conference School of Missions be handled the same as in standing rules No. 20 and No. 21, allowing for the expense of one additional car from each District.

8. That we send $100 to Reverend Jernigan to help pay travel expense of students to the Quadrennial Meeting of the Methodist Student Movement to be held August 26-31, 1961, at the University of Illinois, with the suggestion that local churches be asked to assist with this expense.

Publicity Committee: Mrs. Watson said that in the past she, as Secretary of Literature and Publications, had handled the publicity, sending on to the **Louisiana Methodist** and Methodist Information, all news notes that were sent to her. She suggested however that a special person be secured in each of the larger cities and stressed the particular need for someone residing in Lake Charles to handle the publicity for our next Annual Meeting. Mrs. Orr was appointed Chairman of Committee on Publicity for the Annual Meeting and for the School of Missions.

It was announced that the office of Miss Shiela Nuttall was releasing three pieces of equipment: a wide-carriage typewriter, which by common consent was delegated for the use of the Treasurer; an adding machine, which was delegated for the use of the Secretary of Supply Work, with the understanding that it is to be taken to the School of Missions each year for use in the Literature room. Delegation of the third piece of equipment, a projectograph, was delayed until a later date.

Informal reports were given on visits to various institutions within our Conference. The president called attention to Standing Rule No. 4 requiring a District Committee to visit home institutions within the bounds of the District.

The president announced that the LOSL would meet in Baton Rouge at 10:00 a.m., October 26, 1960, at the Public Welfare Building and urged all who might be in that area at that time to attend said meeting.

Mrs. Tackaberry, chairman of the Journal Committee, stated that this committee would report at a later time after reviewing the minutes.

Mrs. James gave the report of the Resolutions Committee and moved its adoption. Motion carried. The report follows:

RESOLUTIONS

We the members of the Louisiana Conference Executive Committee wish to express our thanks for the many courtesies extended to us as we have met in session to make plans for another year's work.

To St. Luke's and Lake Vista Churches; to Mrs. Elmo Koschel, President of St. Luke Woman's Society, and Mrs. Walter Christensen, President of Lake Vista Woman's Society; and to the two hostess Societies for taking care of every need for our comfort, we express deep appreciation.

To the Reverend Mr. and Mrs. James C. Whitaker, and the Reverend Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Frazier we wish to express our grateful thanks for the inspiration and spiritual atmosphere they provided for our meeting.

To Mrs. Will Elizey and Mrs. Earl Cobb, organists; Miss Edith Judkins, soloist; and Miss Jan Cole, who played the flute, we say a very special thanks for their beautiful music which contributed so much to our meeting.

To those gracious ladies who planned and served us such delicious meals, we express our gratitude.

For those of us who are new on the Executive Committee, this has been a thrilling experience and we are greatly impressed with the planning, the devotion and the dedication of the members of this Executive Committee.

We thank our Heavenly Father who has given us strength for this, because He judged us faithful by appointing us to His Service.

Mrs. T. Luster James
Mrs. W. W. Hyde

Mrs. Jackson then led in a closing prayer and asked blessings upon the luncheon which followed.

We were happy to have as luncheon guests Miss Wilma Snare and Miss Daves; the latter brought a brief report from St. Mark's Community Center. Each District President spoke on activities of Membership and Recruitment within her own district.

The luncheon brought to a close this season of meaningful fellowship and consecration.

Approved:
JOURNAL COMMITTEE
Mrs. C. J. Tackaberry
Mrs. Carl Gallaher

Signed:
Mrs. R. O. Coorpender, Recording Secretary
Mrs. L. B. Kilpatrick, President

Pattern of Attendance at 1962 School of Missions and Christian Service

President, Vice-president, Secretaries of: Promotion, Christian Social Relations, Missionary Education and Service, Spiritual Life, Youth Work, Literature and Publications, Missionary Personnel, Wesleyan Service Guild. Wesleyan Service Guild Chairmen: Christian Social Relations, Missionary Education, Spiritual Life.

PRE-ANNUAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Members of the Executive Committee of the Louisiana Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service met at Simpson Memorial Methodist Church in Lake Charles on March 14, 1961, at 1:00 p.m. for a luncheon which was served by members of the Woman's Society of this church. The committee was welcomed by the host pastor, the Reverend Cleburne Quaid and by Mrs. James Robinson, President of the host society. Rev. Quaid gave the invocation.

Following the luncheon the committee met in the Church Sanctuary for the opening of the business session, with the President, Mrs. L. B. Kilpatrick, presiding. The Secretary of Spiritual Life, Mrs. T. Haller Jackson, led in a group meditation on the Quadrennial Emphases—"Our Mission Today." This meditation expressed the thought and prayer that we might bring to bear the principles and spirit of Christ upon our own lives and upon the world in great need as we seek to participate in improving community, national, and world conditions: to recruit workers to bear the gospel of Christ; to undertake the responsibility of securing funds for support of the work at home and abroad; and to accept in joyful stewardship the calls for service in strenghtening the local church.

Roll call by the secretary showed these members present: Mesdames L. B. Kilpatrick, M. R. Tatum, Geo. H. Thomas, Herbert Loyd, R. R. Cahal, J. B. Mouton, Warren Orr, Wideman Watson, G. W. Dameron, B. F. Patterson, Jr., T. Haller Jackson, Charles H. Giessen,, C. J. Tackaberry, C. R. McCammon, S. E. Richardson, J. E. McCampbell, John W. Waggoner, T. Luster James, W. W. Hyde, W. A. Ragan, M. Eloi Girard, Shirley Ellender, A. J. McGrede, T. R. Sartor, Jr., J. Glenn Williams, A. H. Harper, P. L. Foreman, S. B. Dampier, Carl Gallaher, R. S. Wade, L. K. Wells, J. L. Saxon, J. T. Eubank, W. D. Snelling, Lee Tidwell, J. H. McSween, and Miss Sue Batton.

Mrs. Thomas announced that Mrs. P. D. Lambert has replaced her as Lafayette District Secretary of Promotion. Mrs. Orr volunteered to mail cards to absent members. Telegrams were read fom Mrs. L. C. Aycock and Mrs. Charles Cadwallader extending their thoughts and prayers to the committee and to the Conference.

The recording secretary read the minutes of an Administrative Committee meeting as follows:

On February 9, 1961, the Administrative Committee of the Louisiana Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service accepted, with regret, the resignation of Mrs. R. O. Coorpender, who resigned because of illness in her family. The committee was polled by telephone by the President, Mrs. Kilpatrick. On February 18, Mrs. George H. Thomas was appointed to fill the vacancy in the office of Recording Secretary.

It was moved that the action of the Administrative Committee be accepted. Motion carried.

Mrs. Watson reported the resignation of Mrs. J. C. Whitaker as Dean of the School of Missions and stated that Mrs. Charles B. McGowan had been appointed to replace her as Dean.

The minutes of the Mid-year Executive Committee Meeting, October, 1960, a copy of which had been mailed to each member of the committee, were approved with a few minor corrections.

Correspondence was read. A letter from Mrs. J. H. Barnwell, President of Grace Woman's Society in Ruston, stated that the dates October 18th, 19th and 20th would be agreeable for the Mid-year Executive Committee Meeting. A letter written by Mrs. Elisa R. Ocera, a guest speaker at the Twentieth Annual Meeting of the Louisiana Conference Woman's Society, expressed thanks for the Christian fellowship shown her while here. Mrs. Ocera has been elected the National President of the Woman's Society of Christian Service in the Philipines. The women there have pledged to raise one-half of the total support of Miss Natividad, missionary to Malaya.

The President made the following committee appointments: Journal Committee, Mrs. Tackaberry, Mrs. Gallaher; Resolutions, Mrs. Lee Tidwell, Mrs. Wayne Givens, and Mrs. W. A. K. Seale.

The Recording Secretary gave a report from Mrs. R. O. Coorpender concerning information pertaining to the cost of mailing the Annual Report. Decision regarding this was left to the Annual Report Committee.

Mrs. Loyd, **Treasurer**, presented six new recommendations from the Finance Committee for study by the Executive Committee. If accepted by this committee, these recommendations are to be presented to the delegates at the Annual Meeting, in addition to those which were approved at the Mid-year Executive Committee Meeting. (See minutes for Wednesday, March 15, for action taken.) She reported that the Jurisdiction pledge for 1961-1962 as made at the Jurisdiction Annual Meeting in Little Rock was $1,975,000 for 1961-1962.

Mrs. Loyd moved that Mrs. J. H. McSween be added to the Finance Committee. Motion carried.

Mrs. Mouton, **Secretary of Christian Social Relations**, reported having attended a briefing conference of the Board of Christian Social Concerns last fall. She called attention to recommendation No. 6 in the delegates' packets: "That we seek to understand the relationship between the Department of Christian Social Relations of the Woman's Society and the Board of Christian Social Concerns of the Church by attending the institutes, seminars, and training schools which will be offered by the two boards." She stated that Christian Social relations is the practical application of all that we do in the Woman's Society of Christian Service. The new committee plan that has been made is so fine that if the local person fails to put it into action, Methodism will have failed to meet its possibilities.

Concern mazagine will carry information about the work of the Board of Christian Concerns. She urged that we subscribe to this magazine in order to keep informed. We are urged to cooperate with the decision of the General Conference of the Methodist Church in the adoption of their recommendation concerning race — to try to find the will of God and pattern our lives concerning this. She is to be a member of the Regional Conference on Quadrennial Emphasis on Race to be held in Louisville, Kentucky, the fourth week in March.

Mrs. Mouton presented an additional recommendation from the committee on Christian Social Relations. The President appointed a committee composed of Mesdames Mouton, Welis, Saxon, Tatum, Tackaberry to restudy it and to report on it later.

After a coffee break, Mrs. Girard led in singing the hymn "Blessed Assurance." The committee appointed to restudy the recommendation reported. Mrs. Mouton moved "That as a part of the Woman's Division of Christian Service we cooperate with the Board of Christian Social Concerns in its three divisions of emphasis: (1) Temperance and General Welfare, (2) Peace and World Order and (3) Human Relations and Economic Affairs." The motion carried.

Mrs. Mouton reported on the United Nations Seminar which she attended in the fall. She stated that a suggestion had come from Mrs. Glenn Laskey, that we, as women interested in the United Nations, publicize it by the use of U.N. seals for our letters.

Reporting on the United Council of Church Women, Mrs. Mouton stated that where there is such an organization in a town or city, the local Woman's Society is a part of it. The annual meeting of the Louisiana United Council of Church Women will convene in New Orleans on March 23rd. Attendance at this meeting was urged.

Mrs. Mouton stated that a meeting of the Conference Committee on Christian Social Relations will be held during the meeting for district officer training in Alexandria. She moved that Mrs. D. W. Poole and Mrs. R. R. Eckhart be added to this committee. Motion carried.

Mrs. Warren Orr, **Secretary of Literature and Publications,** reported the literature room set up for the annual meeting with materials worth $440.00. She mentioned the **Twenty-First Annual Report** of the Woman's Division, stating that Miss Sara Parrott wants opinions of the new edition and requesting that these opinions be turned in at the Post Executive Meeting. Also Mrs. C. C. Long wants an expression of opinion on the methods of distribution of the Record and Report Book. Formerly it was mailed from Literature Headquarters to local Secretaries of Promotion. In 1960 it was mailed to the local societies by District Secretaries of Literature and Publications having an account number there. In view of the fact that many Societies either failed to get their copy or had trouble in getting it, Mrs. Thomas suggested that the District Secretaries of Promotion send each year an extra list of local secretaries to the Conference Secretary of Promotion to be mailed to Literature Headquarters. In turn Literature Headquarters would have an accurate list.

Mrs. Orr stated that subscrptions for the **Methodist Woman** and the **World Outlook** are falling off. She asked that we take the message back to our Society that the **Methodist Woman** is a Woman's Society of Christian Service magazine that is needed by local Societies and other publications will not take the place of it.

Mrs. Watson, **Secretary of Missionary Education,** announced the following teachers for School of Missions: Miss Jane Stentz, Mrs. Alfredo Nanez, Dr. Irma Highbaugh, Mrs. Earl D. Cotton, Mrs. G. W. Pomeroy, Mrs. G. W. Dameron, Miss Ethlyne Sampley, Dr. Lindsey Pherigo. The churchwide study this year is to be on Latin America.

Mrs. Dameron, **Secretary of Missionary Personnel,** reported having attended a work group on leadership training in Greenwich, Connecticut. She stated that a program of leadership training—not lines of work training—geared to District Officers, will be carried on in the School of Missions in both 1961 and 1962, with training each year for the officers in the pattern of attendance. Within the two-year period every officer will be in the pattern. In the Wesleyan Service Guild this plan will be carried out in Coaching Conferences. The reason for leadership training at this time is that the District Officer holds a strategic place in the structure of the Woman's Society. A rapid turnover in District Officers, probably due to unmet needs, has resulted in a lack of understanding of the Woman's Society work in the local Society. It is hoped that this leadership training will result in an experience of personal enrichment for each District Officer and that each will come to realize that she is part of a team working at tasks interrelated and interdependent -- that she works within the framework of the total church program and a total mission. It is hoped that District Officers will thus be prepared to make suggestions as to needed changes in the structure and program of the Woman's Society.

In regard to a decision made at School of Missions last year to send youth delegates to the school this year, Mrs. McCammon, **Secretary of Youth Work,** stated that the District Director of Youth Work, the District Secretary of Missionary Personnel, and the District Secretary of Youth Work will be a committee to select the youth delegates—three from each District—at the age level of either Juniors or Seniors in High School, or recent graduates, who are very active in the local church. Mrs. McCammon stated that Miss Ann Ruth Jones, a former A3 to the Congo, is to be the speaker for a special youth dinner planned for Wednesday evening during the Conference. One hundred sixty reservations were made for this dinner.

Mrs. Patterson, **Secretary of Promotion,** gave the schedule for the itineration of Mrs. W. B. Landrum, Field Worker for the Woman's Division, as follows: April 9, Shreveport Wesleyan Service Guild District Meeting; April 11, Shreveport District, North Highlands, Shreveport; April 12, Ruston District, Springhill; April 13, Monroe District, McGuire Church, West Monroe; April 14, Alexandria District, Haas Memorial, Bunkie; April 16, Lafayette District Wesleyan Service Guild, Lafayette First Methodist Church; Wesley Foundation, University of Southwestern Louisiana, Lafayette; April 18, Lafayette District Woman's Society, First Methodist, Lafayette; April 19, Lake Charles District, Sulphur; April 20, Baton Rouge District, Bethel Church, Pride; April 21,

New Orleans District, Carrollton Ave., New Orleans; and New Orleans Wesleyan Service Guild; April 22, New Orleans Woman's Society, Central Jurisdiction, Mt. Zion Church.

Mrs. Patterson stated that in order to speak to the Central Jurisdiction Woman's Society in New Orleans, Mrs. Landrum would have to stay there an extra day, which would involve additional expenses of approximately $16.00. Mrs. McCammon moved that the extra expense herein involved be paid and apportioned among the districts, as is the remainder of the itineration expense. Motion carried.

Training for District Officers is to be held in First Church, Alexandria, April 26, and 27, convening at 2:00 p.m. Wednesday and ending at noon Thursday. Conference Officers will be responsible for clinics. Mrs. Glenn Laskey and Mrs. Lee Tidwell have been asked to be resource people. As this training will be held at Conference expense, the following rules were set forth: (1) Travel five to a car where possible, five cents a mile to be paid from the point of origin of the car pool. (2) $1.00 per person will be allowed for lunch enroute. (3) The Alexandria societies will serve supper and lunch the following day, but breakfast will be on the expense account. (4) Reservations will be made at the Bentley Hotel for the entire group. A letter will be sent to all District Officers on the list now. The District Secretaries of Promotion will see that newly elected officers receive the letters from the outgoing officers and impress upon them the necessity and importance of attending this training session. The number of District Officers planning to attend, and their names, should be sent to Mrs. Patterson immediately after the District Meeting, in order that the proper number of reservations may be made.

A tentative program schedule for the district officer training session was outlined by Mrs. Patterson. She requested suggestions for further plans. The President appointed a committee to work out plans for this meeting as follows: Mrs. Pattersons, Mrs. Tidwell, Mrs. Snelling. They were asked to report at the Post-Executive Meeting.

Mrs. Patterson presented the composite recommendations which will be in the delegates' packets, stating that it is not necessary to have these recommendations approved from the floor, because they are handed down from the Woman's Division. Eleven of them are new.

The President requested that each officer and secretary of line of work study her recommendations that are to go into the Annual Report. If any are new, they should be presented to the Executive Committee for approval. The President asked the Committee on Recommendations to discuss plans for handling recommendations to be used at the Annual Meeting next year, and to present their suggestions at the Mid-year Meeting.

The Recording Secretary requested that all lists of officers and committees, all reports from Officers, Secretaries of Lines of Work and Districts be mailed to reach her no later than June 1, observing the usual rules concerning length of report and remembering to send 3 copies of all material to go into the Annual Report.

The President, quoting from a Town and Country Commission report, stated that there are 461 Methodist churches in Louisiana, over half of them having less than 100 members, 76 with less than 50, 18 with less than 25, 4 with less than 10. She challenged the committee with the statement from the Reverend Rex Squyres that 126 churches, with 6000 members reported no new members on profession of faith during the past year. "It shows that somewhere down the line we have not witnessed." The Town and Country Commission wants to help any phase of the church in any way that it can. She suggested that the District Secretaries of Promotion write to Reverend Squyres for any help that they might need in promoting Woman's Society Work.

Mrs. Jackson, **Secretary of Spiritual Life**, presented the plans for the Annual Meeting prayer vigil. Each Local Society was asked to have prayers for this meeting at its last meeting preceding the Annual Meeting. A prayer room is to be in use during the meeting. A bulletin board will be placed in the foyer for women to sign up for 15 minute periods in the prayer room, with continuous prayers during the daytime hours. Plans are underway for a pray-

er retreat preceding Mid-year Executive Committee Meeting if a suitable place can be found.

This session was closed with a prayer by Mrs. Kilpatrick.

TUESDAY EVENING

The committee was entertained at a buffet dinner in the Fellowship Room of the University Methodist Church by the Woman's Society of that church. Welcome was extended by the president, Mrs. W. A. Ford, and by the host pastor, the Reverend James Stovall, who also gave the invocation.

The evening session was opened with prayer by Mrs. Jackson, Miss Sue Batton, Secretary of Wesleyan Service Guild, reported that the Guild is making progress in every field except membership. There has been a slight decrease in members this year. There are 55 places where Guilds should be organized. Stress is being placed on membership. A new Guild has been organized at Many, in the Shreveport District. A weak point in Guild is lack of training for district officers. Good results were obtained when all district officers were asked to attend Coaching Conference in the fall. A very successful Guild retreat was held at Hodges Gardens in January, with 5 attending from each district, at no cost to the Conference. Over $13,000 has been paid on Guild pledge, and the pledge to be accepted for next year will be $16,000 More studies were held in the Guild during the first three quarters than ever before. It is important that we work together, as "The Guild is an arm of the Woman's Division—a very important arm."

The President pointed out that the per capita giving in the Guild exceeds per capita giving in the Woman's Society. She urged all members of the committee to stress in their local societies that the Guild Treasurer and the Guild President are members of the Executive Committee.

The President regretfully announced the death of Miss Willie Mae Porter, a retired deaconess in the Louisiana Conference, on February 14. Miss Porter had served as a deaconess from 1928 until retirment in 1956, after which she made her home in Monroe with her sister, Miss Juanita Porter.

In the absence of Mrs. Robley Davis, Secretary of Missionary Service, her report was read by the Recording Secretary. The report quoted from a letter written by Mrs. A. R. Marquardt, Jurisdiction Secretary of Missionary Service, giving recommendations from the Jurisdiction Executive Committee regarding gifts to missionaries. The recommendation to which Mrs. Davis called special attention was: "Uphold the efforts of the missionaries by regular correspondence and personal courtesies, magazine subscriptions, special-day greetings, etc." As Conference Secretary Mrs. Davis sends a birthday greeting, Christmas card or message, and did send the Missionary Minute when edited in this form.

Enclosed in the report were several duplicates of a list of Missionaries, Deaconesses, and contract or other Workers from or in our Conference, with the birthday of each individual listed. The list was divided into eight sections, each section marked with the name of a District. Mrs. Davis recommended that we divide this list among the eight Districts and that each District remember the ones given it in some special way, with due consideration given the above recommendations from Mrs. Marquardt. A further suggestion was to give some names to individual societies. The lists were distributed to the eight District Presidents for use in their Districts. The Missionaries love to hear from us but we must encourage them to feel no obligation to answer each contact; otherwise our means of giving them happiness can become burdensome—just for the lack of time.

In discussing the date for the Annual Meeting (1962) in New Orleans, the President stated that the date will have to be determined by the host society, in order that hotel and motel reservations may be cleared.

Mrs. McSween, Chairman of the Conference News Sheet, reported that 4,751 copies of the paper were mailed at a total cost of $355.87, including mailing. Forty evaluation sheets received were favorable. The next paper will be mailed May 15th. The deadline for articles to be mailed is April 1st. Everyone was asked to refer to the recommendations made at the Mid-year Meeting

for length of article and form in which it should be written. It was suggested that all articles be promotion of the work rather than reports in this issue, with the added suggestion that recommendations might be stressed. The paper does not take the place of letters from Officers and Secretaries of Lines of Work. (See also minutes of post-session.)

By unanimous agreement of the committee it was decided to continue publication of the paper. By the decision of the majority, it will be published twice a year.

From the **Constitution and Bylaws** of the Woman's Division the President read the ruling that a Committee on Nominations shall be elected in the Annual Meeting of the Conference Woman's Society (See Section 5, Article 3, page 80.) In the proposed amendment to the Louisiana Conference Bylaws, which was accepted by the Executive Committee at the Mid-year Meeting, and will be voted on at the Annual Meeting, it is stated that this committee shall be composed of one representative from each district, nominated by the Executive Committee of the District Woman's Society, and one additional person who shall serve as chairman, all nominated by the Conference Executive Committee and elected in the Annual Meeting of the Conference Woman's Society.

The nominee of each District was named as follows: (1) Alexandria District — Mrs. C. C. Dethloff (2) Baton Rouge District — Mrs. T. M. Ellis (3) Lafayette District — Mrs. P. D. Lambert (4) Lake Charles District — Mrs. J. H. Dennison (5) Monroe District — Mrs. S. B. Dampier (6) New Orleans District — Mrs. Carl Gallaher (7) Ruston District — Mrs. L. C. Aycock (8) Shreveport District — Mrs. W. D. Snelling. These nominations were accepted. Mrs. Charles B. McGowan was nominated for Chairman of the Nominating Committee.

The President named the following to serve as Tellers for the balloting: Distributing Tellers, Mrs. Tom Clark, Mrs. Nolan Greely, Mrs. C. O. Blandin, Mrs. Don Wineinger; Counting Tellers, Mrs. Wideman Watson, Ch., Mrs. T. F. Wilbanks, Mrs. Jack Dolan, Mrs. Don Elliott.

Mrs. McSween was asked to prepare the ballots for distribution to the voting delegates on Friday morning.

Miss Batton was asked to bring in a suggested revision of the method of election to allow for voting by voice where there is only one nominee.

Following a discussion of the study of the Annual Report, Mrs. Jackson moved that the Guide for study of the Annual Report be omitted this year. The motion carried. Is was requested that the use of the Annual Report and the continued study of it be stressed in officers' clinic.

The President asked that reports on our Institutions and work under the Woman's Division be brought to the Mid-year Meeting. The meeting was dismissed with prayer by Mrs. Dameron.

WEDNESDAY MORNING

The final session of the Pre-Annual Executive Committee Meeting opened at 10:00 Wednesday morning at First Methodist Church with a prayer by Mrs. Wade. Using the Prayer Calendar she directed our thoughts and prayers toward the projects of the Woman's Division and those Deaconesses, Missionaries, and Workers whose birthday is March 15th.

The Recording Secretary read a telegram from Mrs. Lamar S. Clark, President of the Texas Conference Woman's Society, sending love and best wishes for a successful and fruitful meeting. It was moved that a message of thanks and good wishes be sent to the Texas Conference Woman's Society in session in Galveston. Motion carried. The President asked Mrs. Dameron to send the telegram.

Mrs. Loyd called attention to recommendations 9 through 14 on the list of Finance Committee Recommendations in the delegates' packets, which the committee had been asked to study:

9. That South Central Jurisdiction Woman's Society pledge be two million dollars for 1961-1962.

10. That pledges be lifted a minimum of 5%.
11. That **My World Bank** giving be lifted through concerted promotion.
12. That special promotion be given to Sustaining Memberships.
13. That special attention be given to the cultivation of large gifts, Annuity gifts, Legacies and Bequests. Information on those special sources of income is found on page 33 in the new Treasurer's Handbook.
14. That each Conference, District, and Local Treasurer obtain the new Treasurer's Handbook and study it carefully.

Mrs. Loyd moved that these recommendations be adopted. The motion carried.

Messages of love and good wishes from Mrs. Coorpender were extended to the Committee, and the President appointed Mrs. James to send a telegram to her.

Mrs. Orr reported on a request from the Central Jurisdiction for a home for Negro girls in New Orleans. The need is for a place to house girls who come to the city to work but can find no decent residence. Mrs. Kilpatrick reported having received a copy of a letter from the New Orleans District Woman's Society of the Central Jurisdiction written to Mrs. J. Fount Tillman, President of the Woman's Division, asking for help on establishing a "Friendship Home" for Negro girls that would be a means of providing the type of supervision usually given in such a home. Mrs Kilpatrick stated that the Division looks on this request with favor.

Mrs. Mouton moved that a committee be appointed to look into the matter of cooperating with the Central Jurisdiction in establishing a "Friendship Home" for Negro girls in New Orleans. The motion carried.

The President announced that the Deaconess Association will be celebrating its seventy-fifth anniversary in 1963, and has begun to make plans for it. As a committee from the Louisiana Conference Woman's Society to work with them, she appointed Mrs. Dameron, chairman; Mrs. Charles Giessen, and Mrs. Girard.

The time of the next Assembly was announced as May, 1962. Those nominated as delegates to Assembly were Mrs. Jackson, Mrs. Patterson, and Mrs. Orr. Mrs. Patterson was elected delegate, with Mrs. Orr as alternate. It was noted that the Louisiana Conference District Bylaw concerning district delegate to Assembly needs to be brought in line with the new District Bylaw of the Woman's Division. This was referred to the Committee on Constitution and Bylaws.

Mrs. Mouton reported on a meeting of the Louisiana Organization for State Legislation in Baton Rouge. It was a study on legislation and how to get it before the House. Through this organization projects for legislation are selected. The Woman's Society or any member group may present a project to this group for approval. If approved, it is presented to the Legislature. The possibility of a Constitution call was discussed. If such a call is issued, individuals are urged to keep informed by reading and study, to investigate the possibilities and dangers this would entail and make up their own minds as to what to do. A brunch for study in each local society, with well - informed speakers, was recommended.

Mrs. Shirley Ellender stated that Mr. and Mrs. John Howe of MacDonell Methodist Center are willing to be resource speakers where needed over the Conference and urged Districts to make use of their very fine talents.

Reporting for the Constitution and Bylaws Committee Miss Sue Batton moved that Article II, Section 2, of the Louisiana Conference Bylaws be amended by adding a sub-section following the last paragraph, to read (a) Where there is only one candidate for office, the election may be by voice. The motion carried.

Mrs. Dameron moved to correct the amendment to Standing Rule No. 22 as stated in the Mid-year Executive Committee minutes to read as follows: in line three delete the words "Executive Committee" and change to "Administrative Committee." Motion was carried.

The meeting closed with a prayer by Mrs. James, to reconvene at the conclusion of the Annual Meeting Friday afternoon, immediately following luncheon.

PROGRAM

WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

Lake Charles, Louisiana

March 14-17, 1961

Tuesday, March 14

10:00-12:00 Registration of Executive Committee, First Methodist Church

1:00 Executive Committee Luncheon, Simpson Methodist Church

6:45 Executive Committee Dinner, University Methodist Church

Wednesday, March 15

"God Calls To Witness and Service"

10:00- 1:45 Registration for Delegates, First Methodist Church

Coffee Corner: Courtesy, Woman Society, Vinton Methodist Church
Conference Committee Meetings

12:00 Buffet Luncheon, Courtesy Woman's Society, Moss Bluff, Maplewood and Eastwood Methodist Churches

AFTERNOON SESSION

"The Voice of God is calling Its summons unto men;
As once He spake in Zion, So now He speaks again."

1:45 Organ Prelude: Andante.....Guilmant
Mrs. Clark R. Carver

Hymn. "The Voice of God is Calling.....No. 454

2:00 Convening the Twenty-First Annual Meeting...Mrs. L. B. Kilpatrick, President

Scripture and Prayer.....Mrs. A. J. McGrede, President, Lake Charles District

Welcome.....Mrs. Rhoy Davis, President, Woman's Society, First Methodist Church

Order of Business:

Presentation of Program.....Mrs. Wideman Watson, Chairman

Report of Recording Secretary.....Mrs. R. O. Coorpender

Evaluation Sheet.....Mrs. M. R. Tatum

Announcements

Treasurer's Report.....Mrs. Herbert C. Loyd

Corsage for Missions

Introduction of Workers

3:30 Address.....“Christian Missions Today and Tomorrow”
Bishop Aubrey G. Walton

Benediction.....Rev. Carl Lueg, Pastor, First Methodist Church

5:30 Youth Dinner ..... University Methodist Church
Ann Ruth Jones, Speaker
Mrs. C. R. McCammon, Presiding

6:00 Dinner ..... First Methodist Church
Speaker, Miss Annimae White — Mrs. M. R. Tatum, Presiding

EVENING SESSION

"Take us, and make us holy; Teach us Thy will and way
Speak, and behold! we answer; Command, and we obey."

7:45 Organ Prelude: "Prelude in G Major" ..... Bach
Miss Juanelva Rose
Hymn: "Take Time to be Holy" ..... No. 251
Scripture and Prayer ..... Reverend Sam Nader, District Superintendent, Lake Charles District
Offertory: "Benediction ..... Bach
Anthem: "Blessed Are They" ..... Staley
Adult and Junior Choirs — Mr. Lamar Robertson, Conducting
Address: "For Them Also" ..... Bishop Dana Dawson
Benediction ..... Reverend Cleburne Quaid, Pastor Simpson Methodist Church

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9:00 Reception, Honoring Bishop and Mrs. Aubrey G. Walton
Bishop and Mrs. Dana Dawson
Courtesy, Lake Charles District Woman's Society of Christian Service

Thursday, March 16

MORNING SESSION

"I hear my people crying In cot and mine and slums;
No field or mart is silent, No city street is dumb."

7:30 Coffee Corner, Courtesy, Woman's Society, Sulphur Methodist Church

8:30 Organ Prelude: "Chorale from Gothic Suite" ..... Boellmann
Mrs. Clark R. Carver
Hymn: "O Jesus Master, When Today" ..... No. 470
Scripture and Prayer ..... Mrs. Lee Tidwell
Panel: "The Philosophy of Home Missions"
Moderator: Miss Mary Lou Barnwell
Chairman: Mrs. Robley Davis
Hymn: "Spirit of Faith Come Down" ..... No. 183
Getting to Know Our Workers and Their Work ..... Mrs. C. J. Tackaberry, Presiding
Hymn: "We've A Story to Tell" ..... No. 501
Wesleyan Service Guild ..... Miss Sue Batton, Conference Secretary
Courtesies ..... Mrs. W. W. Paxton

12:00 Noon-Day Worship
Special: "O Come Ye Servants of the Lord"..... Tye
The Jongleurs
"God Calls to Women"..... Mrs. Milton Randolph

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12:30 Luncheon..... First Methodist Church
Mrs. B. F. Patterson, Jr., Presiding
Recognition of Districts

AFTERNOON SESSION

"I see my people falling In darkness and despair
Whom shall I send to shatter The fetters which they bear?"

1:45 Organ Prelude: "Adagio from First Organ Sonata"..... Mendelssohn
Mrs. Clark R. Carver

2:00 Hymn: "Brightly Beams Our Father's Mercy"..... No. 254
Address: "The New Congo Calling for Help"..... Miss Annimae White
Hymn: "Awake, Awake, to Love and Work"..... No. 455

Conference Officers' Reports
"Gift Exchange"
Mrs. T. Haller Jackson, Chairman
Vice President..... Mrs. M. R. Tatum
Literature and Publications..... Mrs. Warren M. Orr
Supply Work..... Mrs. C. J. Tackaberry
Missionary Education..... Mrs. Wideman Watson
Children's Work..... Mrs. R. R. Cahal
Spiritual Life..... Mrs. T. Haller Jackson

Benediction..... Mrs. T. Haller Jackson

3:00 Clinics, Conducted by Conference Officers..... First Methodist Church

6:00 Fellowship Dinner..... First Methodist Church
Mrs. Fred Shirley, Song Leader
Mrs. Warren M. Orr, Presiding

EVENING SESSION

"From ease and plenty save us; From pride of place absolve
Purge us of low desire; Lift us to high resolve."

7:45 Organ Prelude: "Chorale in A Minor"..... Franck
Miss Juanelve Rose
Hymn: "O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee"..... No. 259
Scripture and Prayer..... Rev. James L. Stovall, Pastor
University Methodist Church
Offertory: "Offertorie"..... Vierne
Anthem: "Almighty God of Our Fathers"..... Will James
Adult Choirs, Mr. Lamar Robertson, Conducting
Address: "A Near Look and a Far Vision"..... Mrs. L. B. Kilpatrick
Address: "Love Is A Spendthrift"..... Mrs. Glenn E. Laskey
Pledge Service..... Mrs. Herbert Loyd
Benediction..... Rev. A. A. McKnight, Pastor
Oak Park Methodist Church

Friday, March 17

MORNING SESSION

"We heed, O Lord, Thy summons, And answer: Here are we!
Send us upon Thine errand, Let us Thy servants be."

7:30 Coffee Corner, Courtesy Woman's Society, Westlake Methodist Church

8:30 Organ Prelude: "Prelude"——Bach
Mr. Al Salley

Hymn: "Hark, the Voice of Jesus Calling"——No. 288

Scripture and Prayer——Mrs. Bernard Larsen,
Toberman Settlement House, San Pedro, California

Conference Reports:
"God Calls To Youth"
Mrs. G. W. Dameron, Chairman

Youth Work——Mrs. C. R. McCammon
Student Work——Mrs. Charles Giessen
Missionary Personnel——Mrs. G. W. Dameron

Mission Travelogue——Mrs. Sam Dunbar
Mrs. Glenn E. Laskey

Order of Business:
Report of Committees
Journal Committee
Evaluation of Meeting
Place of 1962 Meeting
Resolutions

Hymn: "My Times Are In Thy Hand"——No. 322

Panel: "The Family and Rapid Social Change"
Moderator: Mrs. G. W. Pomeroy
Chairman: Mrs. J. B. Mouton

Worship
Solo: "Lamb of God"——Franck
Mrs. Fred Shirley, Soprano — Mr. Al Salley, Accompanist
"God Calls to Families"——Mrs. Milton Randolph

Holy Communion

Benediction——Reverend Travis L. Campbell, Pastor
St. Luke Methodist Church

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Buffet Luncheon——First Methodist Church
Courtesy, Woman's Society, Oak Park, St. Luke and Iowa Methodist Churches

JOURNAL OF THE TWENTY-FIRST ANNUAL MEETING
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LOUISIANA CONFERENCE

Lake Charles, Louisiana

March 15-17, 1961

The Twenty-First Annual Meeting of the Louisiana Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service convened in First Methodist Church, Lake Charles, Louisiana on Wednesday, March 15, 1961, at 1:45 p.m. with the president, Mrs. L. B. Kilpatrick, presiding. The program began with an organ prelude, "Adante" by Ghilment, with Mrs. Clark Carver at the organ.

Following singing of the theme hymn of the Conference, "The Voice of God is Calling," led by Mr. Lamar Robertson, Mrs. L. B. Kilpatrick, president, declared the twenty-first annual meeting in session.

Mrs. A. J. McGrede, president of the Lake Charles District Society, gave a scripture reading from John 13: 1-17, 34, 35, followed by prayer.

A welcome was given the delegates and visitors by Mrs. Rhoy Davis, president of the Woman's Society of First Methodist Church in Lake Charles, and the Reverend Carl Lueg, host pastor. Rev. Lueg gave a very genial welcome to the Conference, with a challenge in his statement: "When you do leave us, you will leave us an inspired people." Mrs. Davis added a word of welcome and made announcements.

Mrs. Wideman Watson, annual meeting program chairman, presented the program to the Conference, calling attention to the theme, "God Calls to Witness and Service," and to the theme hymn which opened the meeting. Mrs. Watson asked delegates to make corrections in the packets as follows: (1) On the sheet of information regarding School of Missions, the Dean should be Mrs. C. B. McGowan. (2) Corrections in the sheet of addresses of Missionaries and Workers as follows: The name of Miss Willie May Porter should be deleted, as she is recently deceased; the address of Miss Shiela Nuttall should be Shreveport, Box 4156.

The report of the Recording Secretary, Mrs. George H. Thomas, to the annual meeting was as follows:

(1) The report of the Administrative Committee: In September, Mrs. Herbert C. Loyd was appointed to the office of Treasurer on the resignation of Mrs. J. H. McSween; In February, Mrs. R. O. Coorpender resigned as recording secretary and was replaced by Mrs. George H. Thomas.

(2) Mrs. Charles B. McGowan was appointed to take the place of Mrs. J. C. Whitaker as Dean of School of Missions.

(3) The executive committee voted to continue the publication of the Conference News and promotion paper, two issues per year.

(4) Some changes in the Bylaws will be brought up for approval later in the meeting.

(5) Mrs. J. H. McSween, former treasurer of the Conference, was elected to membership on the Finance Committee.

(6) Mrs. B. F. Patterson, Jr., was elected delegate to the Assembly in May, 1962.

It was moved that the recommendations of the Executive Committee be adopted. Motion carried.

The secretary read committee appointments as follows:

Resolutions, Mrs. Lee Tidwell, Mrs. Wayne Givens, Mrs. W. A. K. Seale. (Later in the absence of Mrs. Seale, Mrs. C. B. McGowan was appointed in her place.)

Journal: Mrs. C. J. Tackaberry, Mrs. Carl Gallaher.

Telegrams bearing prayers, love and good wishes were read from Mrs. Lamar S. Clark, president of the Texas Conference Woman's Society and Mrs. Charles N. Cadwallader, former president of the Louisiana Conference Woman's Society.

Mrs. M. R. Tatum called the attention of delegates to the evaluation sheets that were in their packets, requesting that these be filled out carefully, as they will serve as guides in planning the program for the next annual meeting. The evaluation sheets will be collected Friday morning.

Mrs. T. Haller Jackson gave the plans for continuous prayer, in the prayer room of the church, during the daytime hours of the meeting with the exception of the noon hour devotional period. She called attention to a poster in the foyer of the church and requested that delegates and visitors sign, two at a time, for 15 minute prayer periods during the Conference. Special prayer requests may be placed on the altar in the prayer room.

The president presented the chairman of "Corsages for Missions," Mrs. C. O. Blandin, president of the DeRidder Woman's Society, who described the corsage for Missions as a purple ribbon holding an open Bible with **The Word for Missions** written on it. Three hundred fifty of these corsages were made by young people of the Church. The cost of each corsage is whatever the purchaser would like to give, all funds received going to Missions.

Mrs. Herbert C. Loyd gave the report of the Treasurer. She stated that the treasurer's report is in the delegates' packets and uged each one to read it carefully, thoughtfully, and prayerfully. She called attention to a large model of **My World Bank**, which stood on a table nearby. She stated that the Woman's Division voted to continue it throughout the 1960-64 quadrennium and urged special promotion of this additional giving to missions. The caption on the new edition of the World Bank carries this statement: "I can maintain the work of the Woman's Division of Christian Service around the world for: 1 second by giving 37c; 1 minute by giving $22.20; 5 minutes by giving $111.00; 1 hour by giving $1,332.00." This is an increase of five cents per second in cost.

Mrs. Loyd read the recommendations of the Finance Committee as follows:

1. That the pledge to Missions to the Woman's Division of Christian Service for the year 1961-1962 be $112,225.00.
2. That the Districts' pledge to Conference be as follows:

Alexandria	$ 10,800.00
Baton Rouge	18,750.00
Lafayette	9,600.00
Lake Charles	13,800.00
Monroe	15,700.00
New Orleans	15,700.00
Ruston	13,000.00
Shreveport	27,275.00
	$124,625.00

3. That the budget for 1961-62 be as follows:

Budget:

Officers expense	$ 1,000.00
Annual meeting	1,400.00
Annual report	1,350.00
Mid-Year executive meeting	250.00
Jurisdiction meeting	750.00
Conference School of Missions	1,600.00
Jurisdiction School of Missions	650.00
Christian Social Relations	300.00
Conference Workshops	200.00
Christian Vocations	200.00
Conference Youth Director	600.00
Cooperative Meetings	500.00
Missionary Minute	60.00
Jurisdiction Cultivation	700.00

Division Cultivation	70.00
Miscellaneous	1,170.00
Guild	1,600.00
	$12,400.00

4. That the recommendation that all Conference officers and secretaries of lines of work be required to attend the Conference School of Missions be tabled for one year.

5. That the meeting for training of District officers of the Louisiana Conference be held in Alexandria in April or May 1961; that it be an overnight meeting to begin at 2:00 P.M. and close at noon the following day, and that the expenses be paid out of Conference Cultivation funds.

6. That the recommended pattern of attendance at the 1961 Jurisdiction and Conference School of Missions and Christian Service as shown on page 11 of the 20th Annual Report be followed.

7. That the expense of District officers within the pattern of attendance to the Conference School of Missions be handled the same as in standing rules No. 20 and No. 21, allowing for the expense of one additional car from each District.

8. That we send $100 to Rev. Jernigan to help pay travel expense of students to the Quadrennial Meeting of the Methodist Student Movement to be held Aug. 26-31, 1961, at the University of Illinois, with the suggestion that local churches be asked to assist with this expense.

9. That South Central Jurisdiction Woman's Society pledge be two million dollars for 1961-62.

10. That **Pledges** be lifted a **Minimum** of 5%.

11. That **My World Bank** giving be lifted through concerted promotion.

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13. That special attention be given to the cultivation of large gifts, Annuity gifts, Legacies and Bequests. (Information on these special sources of income is found on pages 33 in the new Treasurer's Handbook.)

14. That each conference, district and local treasurer obtain the new Treasurer's Handbook and study it carefully.

Mrs. Loyd moved that these recommendations be adopted as read. Motion carried.

Calling Mrs. J. H. McSween to the platform, the president presented to her an Honorary Patron's Membership pin given by the members of the Louisiana Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service in appreciation of her 7 years of service as Conference treasurer, prior to which she had served 7 years as a district treasurer.

The president introduced the workers and deaconesses who were present: Miss Fae Daves, Director of St. Mark's Community Center, New Orleans; Miss Mary Lou Barnwell, Executive Secretary of the Commission on Deaconess Work; Miss Ella K. Hooper, retired Deaconess; Miss Shiela Nuttall, Louisiana Conference Director of Children's Work; Mrs. Louise Mitchell Larson, Director of Homer Toberman Settlement House, San Pedro, California; Miss Rosie Ann Cobb, Superintendent of Sager-Brown Home and Godman School, Baldwin; Miss Sophie Kuntz, retired Deaconess; Mr. and Mrs. John Howe, Jr., MacDonell Methodist Center, Houma; Miss Helen Suk, US2 at Dulac Community Center; Miss Hazel Cooper, Director Business Girls' Inn, Shreveport; Mr. and Mrs. Carl Brunson, Dulac Community Center.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Knox from the **Louisiana Methodist** and Mrs. Thomas Wilson, Director of the new office of Methodist Information in Shreveport, were introduced.

The president read a telegram of good wishes from Emma Burris, Anna Givens, Caroline Porter (Home from Africa) and Elizabeth Stinson in New York. Anna Givens is to be married soon and Caroline Porter, retired deaconess, has just returned from six month's tour of mission stations in Africa, for the Board of Missions, a portion of the last two months having been in the Congo.

The president presented Bishop Aubrey G. Walton, the first Bishop of the Louisiana area, stating that she had been privileged to be a member of the voting body when he was elected Bishop. She welcomed him most cordially, and spoke of the high privilege of having him address the Annual Meeting.

Bishop Walton expressed his sincere appreciation for the Woman's Society of Christian Service. The subject of his address was "Christian Missions Today and Tomorow." He said the field of Christian missions is any area or field that has not been Christianized. The opportunity, the approach and response varies from year to year. Today, we are aware that Communism is opposed to Christianity, making it extremely difficult to carry on a program of missions in countries where Communists are in control. Christian missions today face great needs and great dangers. The millions around the world cry out in one way or another for that which only Christ can give. Certain mission fields are closed to us—others are opened to us. Latin America has an increasing need for Protestant Missions. The new Moslem country of Pakistan is one of the countries opening its doors to Christianity. The mission fields in which we are operating and moving forward call for workers in greater numbers than we can supply. One of the great difficulties facing Christian missions tomorrow is that where Western nations are no longer in control, Christian missions must enter by permission of the people themselves. One problem now is the divorcing of missions from Western culture. Today, missions are less concerned with the culture of the West and more concerned with implanting Christianity in indigenous cultures. Already churches in mission fields are sending missionaries to other countries. Christian missions will be sufficient for tommorrow, for what we have to offer is Christ. He is sufficient for the needs of any man. Bishop Walton concluded with a prayer "Help us to give, to share, to serve in such a way that truly the kingdoms of this world may become the kingdom of Jesus Christ, our Lord."

At the conclusion of the address Mrs. Kilpatrick introduced Mrs. Walton, wife of the Bishop.

Wednesday Evening — Dinner

Mrs. M. R. Tatum, Conference vice-president, presided over the program at dinner Wednesday evening in the Fellowship Hall of the First Methodist Church. At each place were leaflets about World Federation of Methodist Women and World Federation Prayer Cards. Mrs. Tatum emphasized the fact that one of the special duties of the vice-president is to promote World Federation of Methodist Women, and that one way of doing this is to use the prayer card at meetings.

Mrs. Tatum presented Miss Annimae White, Missionary to the Congo, who spoke to us of the Federation of Methodist Women in Africa. At the annual Conference of the Woman's Society of Christian Service in the Congo, the entire program is conducted by African women. They have missionary projects, as we do—the foreign project of one group is sending milk to babies in Korea. They are learning what it means to have better homes. In the Congo, an area of 14 million people, there are only two secondary schools because of lack of personnel. The government has the money to pay for more, but teachers have not been available in spite of pleas made in the United States. The African women today need our prayers that we can go forward together in the work of the kingdom. Miss White stated, "We are proud of the progress our women have made in Africa."

The benediction was pronounced by Bishop Walton.

Wednesday Evening Session

Following the singing of the hymn, "Take Time To Be Holy," the Reverend Sam Nadar, Superintendent of the Lake Charles District, read from the Scriptures and led in prayer. The Adult and Junior Choirs sang the anthem, "Blessed Are They," by Staley, with Mr. Lamar Robertson conducting.

The president, Mrs. Kilpatrick, introduced Bishop Dana Dawson, retired Bishop of the Kansas and Nebraska Area, now a resident of Shreveport. Very soon Bishop Dawson and his son are going to Africa, and while there will spend a week with Dr. Albert Sweitzer.

Bearing out the subject of his address, Bishop Dawson quoted from the prayer of Jesus in John 17:20 "Not for these only do I pray but for them also who believe on His Word." Here we have the core of the Gospel of Christ. Christianity is a missionary religion. For 200 years Methodism has been characterized by a triumphant missionary aggressiveness. He spoke of being assigned by the College of Bishops to visit churches in South America. Most of this time in South America was spent with our Missionaries. If we are to help answer the Master's prayer, "for them also," we must be informed; we need to understand the tremendous opposition to be overcome; and we need to know what success has been ours in the face of terrific odds. South America is a field of rare missionary opportunity. It is expected that in the next 100 years, it will see a more rapid growth than any other nation. The Protestant Church is encountering great opposition from the Roman Catholic Church in South America, which is patterned after the Church in Spain rather than the Church in the United States, and is the Roman Catholicism that existed before the Reformation. Yet, in spite of the opposition, there is separation of church and state in eleven countries in South America. He cited the work done by Dr. Beck, an American missionary in Bolivia, stating that the Christian atmosphere there is a credit to the United States and a glory to Jesus Christ. This prayer of the Master's is being answered because of the prayers and consecration at home and on the field. No privation has been great enough to keep missionaries from their work. They build an oasis of hope where all about them is despair. Not with money only, not with words only, but with their lives they pray 'for them also."

The evening session was concluded with the benediction by the Reverend Cleburne Quaid, pastor of Simpson Methodist Church.

A reception honoring Bishop and Mrs. Aubrey G. Walton and Bishop and Mrs. Dana Dawson was held in the parlor and fellowship hall of the church as a courtesy of the Lake Charles District Woman's Society of Christian Service.

Thursday Morning, March 16, 1961

Following the organ prelude "Chorale from Gothic Suite," Mrs. Clark Carver at the organ, the congregation joined in singing "O Jesus Master, When Today." Mrs. R. S. Hyatt led the singing.

The president presented Mrs. Louise Mitchell Larson, a native of Zwolle, La., and now executive director of Homer Toberman Settlement House in San Pedro, California, who led the morning worship with excerpts from Psalms 41, 100, and 107. Mrs. Larson stated that the work at the Settlement House is so interesting that each night she can hardly wait for the morning to come so she can start to work anew, and these Psalms expressed some of that joy of service. The scripture reading was followed by a prayer.

Mrs. T. Haller Jackson again directed attention to the Prayer Room in the Church, urging delegates and visitors to avail themselves of this privilege, and stating that if we undergird the meeting with our prayers, we will be blessed.

The president called attention to the compiled recommendations from Conference Officers in the delegates' packets. Delegates were asked to study them and bring any questions concerning them to the meeting Friday. They were urged to take them home and use them. The recommendations are as follows:

(1) Each officer and secretary of a line of work study the responsibilities of her office in the light of the purpose of the Woman's Society of Christian Service and of the quadrennial emphases.

(2) Each Vice-President consider prayerfully the obligations implied in being chairman of the Committee on Program, including the coordination of work of all members of the committee and the responsibility for development of the total program of the Society.

(3) Each Vice-President regard as a special trust her assignment to strengthen "Christian ties around the world" through developing a sense of fellowship between members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service and members of other units of the World Federation of Methodist Women.

(4) All officers and secretaries of lines of work maintain and use the current officer file including the new Handbook, **Annual Report** of Woman's Division and of Louisiana Conference Woman's Society, **The Methodist Woman** and **World Outlook.**

(5) Secretaries of Children's Work, as members of the Council of Children's Workers, should promote the teaching of missionary units for primary and junior children in the local church and should help plan ways of making World Service meaningful to children.

(6) We seek to understand the relationship between the Department of Christian Social Relations of the Woman's Society and the Board of Christian Social Concerns of the church by attending the institutes, seminars and training schools which will be offered by the two boards.

(7) Every Secretary of Literature and Publications should use the Subscription Record Book with its account number and keep it as an accurate record to pass on. Contact Literature Headquarters if your Society does not have one.

(8) We maintain a goal of an approved study each quarter plus cooperation in the Church-wide study promoted by the Commission on Missions.

(9) District Secretaries of Youth and Student Work, working with local societies and Guild units and with local committees on Christian Vocations, make specific plans to see that the needs and opportunities in church related vocations are presented at least once during the year to local, sub-district, district MYF groups, to student groups on campuses and to the adult membership of local churches.

(10) We aid in the recruitment effort by sharing the need contained in letters from missionaries (Missionary Minute) with every department of every local church (75 new Deaconesses by the 75th anniversary in 1963 is the goal).

(11) The Executive Committee of each local Woman's Society of Christian Service and Wesleyan Service Guild have a study of the woman constituency of the local church and community with relationship to membership in the Woman's Society and Guild; this study to begin on September 1, 1961, and culminate with Epiphany, January 6, 1962.

(12) Each local society stress an active Committee on Membership, using Service Activity Cards to assist in seeking a place of responsibility for women in the local church.

(13) Every officer and secretary of line of work avail herself of the training and educational opportunities offered by the sub-district (zone), district, and conference meetings, workshops and school of missions in the pattern of attendance.

(14) The Spiritual Life Committee accept as its first responsibility the cultivating of the Spiritual Life of the Woman's Society and the Guild as part of the church, and be alert and cooperative in assisting to enrich the spiritual life of the entire church through vital experiences in prayer and study.

(15) There be closer cooperation with pastors, boards, commissions and committees, thereby encouraging greater participation in the entire connectional program of the Methodist Church.

(16) The local Secretary of Student Work enlist the support of the women of the church in keeping in touch with all young people away from home, making them aware of the interest their home church has in them.

(17) Until our pledge to missions is equal to do the complete task every society, regardless of size, accept an Asking of Supply Work, however small, so that every woman may have an opportunity to share in meeting the extra needs of our institutions and workers.

(18) We continue cooperation with the Wesleyan Service Guild to promote interest of the employed women of the church in becoming members of the Guild.

(19) That the local secretaries of youth work and secretaries of student work support the program of Missionary Personnel in all its phases and report all names of young people interested in church related vocations to the District Secretary of Missionary Personnel.

(20) That the Secretary of Youth Work assist each local MYF Council in planning and executing the two special mission studies for youth, using Friendship Press Materials. These special studies are to be in addition to the missionary units in Methodist Church School Materials.

The president presented Mrs. G. W. Dameron, Conference Secretary of Missionary Personnel, who , in the absence of Mrs. Robley Davis, served as chairman of the panel on "The Philosophy of Home Missions." She introduced Miss Mary Lou Barnwell as a moderator of the panel. Miss Barnwell is the Executive Secretary of the Commission on Deaconess Work and knows the work in Louisiana well, having had two terms of service at St. Mark's Community Center in New Orleans. Miss Barnwell stated that we must minister to intellectual, social and spiritual needs. Our philosophy of missions is changing. We have been giving relief when we should have been trying to alleviate the reasons for suffering. Rapid social change is affecting the United States. In our changing philosophy of home missions, we have to be concerned about these changes. Our new philosophy includes (1) a new understanding of God (2) an understanding of what is happening to man (3) an understanding of the world in which we live. Quoting from a missionary on the foreign field, she said the "greatest thing that we can do to aid foreign missions is to make America Christian."

The Panel was composed of Robert Tatum, director of Wesley Foundation at Northwestern State College; John Howe, director of MacDonell Methodist Center in Houma; and Miss Fae Daves, director of St. Mark's Community Center in New Orleans. Mr. Tatum discussed the effect of changing times on college students, stating that students today are challenged to do everything except to study and to dedicate their minds to God and themselves to God's work. It is the responsibility of the church to challenge our students to Christian living and Christian vocations. Students are disillusioned in the purposes of Christianity because they see a difference in what we say and what we practice. Give them something to which they can commit their lives and they will be a committed generation.

Mr. Howe spoke of what is being done for children with problems. To look at a hostile child through the eyes of Jesus means looking at a small figure trying in a desperate way to find the answer, with a feeling that Society has rejected him. Those working with children seek to give them security while overcoming their problems in a climate of love, and eventually helping them to return to their homes. To do this demands a staff dedicated to finding God's will for their own lives and then to helping others. In addition, he said that the staff must do work to educate the church in the meaning of this program.

Miss Daves pointed out the ways in which St. Mark's is trying to meet the changing needs of people in their community. She stated that, with the exodus of white families from this area, they at St. Mark's have become more aware of the needs of their Negro neighbors. There are twice as many Negro youths as white in this area and no agencies provide any type of program for them. The present program at St. Mark's is largely one for youth. They have felt the integration crisis keenly. It is her opinion that it is time to do an extension program in St. Mark's. The mission field is still right at their door. They need a dedicated staff. The need is great—the time is now.

Mrs. Dameron, in answer to Miss Barnwell's question, "What does all this say to the Woman's Society?" stated that it says missions is not something to which we can give our money only—it is something in which we are involved. The "Faith That Compels Us" is one that matches faith with practice. We must be aware that the "Factors That Confront Us" are not only geographical but social, psychological, and spiritual. In Louisiana there are opportunities now to open new pieces of work—a call for a Friendship Home for Negro girls in New Orleans, the need for work with Negro youth that Miss Daves mentioned, two calls for opening rural work in Louisiana. There are two reasons why we do not do these now—lack of money and workers. The need

for workers is great. She challenged us not only to know the needs, but to confront our youth with the needs.

Miss Barnwell concluded the Panel Discussion with the question—"How can they be sent unless we create a climate in which young people may hear the call to serve?"

Mrs. C. J. Tackaberry presented the plan for "Getting to Know Our Workers and Their Work," whereby the entire assembly would divide into four separate groups, in designated rooms, with the workers going by teams to each group to talk about and answer questions concerning their work, each team spending fifteen minutes with each group.

At 11:05 the meeting was continued in the Sanctuary. Mr. Lamar Robertson led in the singing of the hymn "We've a Story to Tell."

The Reverend Rex Squyres, pastor of West Lake Church and Chairman of Town and Country Commission, called attention to the Town and Country report in the packets. He presented to the President a map of Louisiana which points out the Methodist Churches throughout the state. The map was made for the Town and Country Commission by Mrs. Dan Tohline. A copy of it is being given to each District Secretary of Promotion. Other copies may be bought by anyone for $1.00 each.

Miss Sue Batton, Secretary of Wesleyan Service Guild, stated that growth in the Guild is evidenced by growth in giving and in attendance at meetings. She asked for the support of Woman's Society in getting employed women into the Guild. She stated that there are missionaries in the field from the Wesleyan Service Guild who are doing excellent work.

Mrs. W. W. Paxton very graciously extended a special welcome and recognition to those in the congregation who were former Conference or Jurisdiction officers, members of the Woman's Division, wives of pastors, or officers of the United Council of Church Women.

Mrs. Harold Carter, general chairman of Conference arrangements, and Mrs. S. W. Plauche, co-chairman, were presented to the Conference. They, in turn, introduced the chairmen of all committees who had worked together so well to make this Conference an outstanding one. Mrs. Carter stated that the churches which assisted in entertaining the Conference were as follows:

Hostesses for the Executive Committee luncheon and dinner—Simpson and University Churches

Coffee Corner—Vinton, Sulphur, Westlake

Hostesses for buffet lunch on Wednesday and Friday—Oak Park, St. Lukes, and Iowa.

Other Meals—Moss Bluff, Eastwood, Maplewood.

Mrs. D. W. Stokes, registration chairman, reported one Jurisdiction officer, one member of the Woman's Division, thirteen deaconesses and workers from mission projects within the Conference, three special visitors, 38 members of the executive committee, 163 delegates, 187 visitors, a total of 404 registered. Delegates by districts were as follows: Alexandria, 19; Baton Rouge, 34; Lafayette, 8; Lake Charles, 26; Monroe, 13; New Orleans, 18; Ruston, 12; Shreveport, 33.

Noon-Day Worship

Following the spirited singing of "O Come Ye Servants of the Lord" by the Jongleurs, the president introduced Mrs. Milton Randolph, director of the Family Worship Department of the **Upper Room**, who conducted our noon-day worship, with the subject "God Calls to Women."

Mrs. Randolph stated "It's a glorious thing to be called by God. Let's listen to God call us to what we can do tomorrow. Our heritage—a woman was the last to leave the cross and the first at the tomb. God calls women to be great

in spite of, not because of, difficulties. What is God calling us to do tomorrow? We must hear the call to go on to greater things, to reach beyond those things which we've already done. Christianity is at stake as woman chooses what she will combine in her life. She spells life or death for the success of Christianity. With the thought taken from **How Green Was My Valley** Mrs. Randolph challenged us to "live graciously, think spaciously, and love good works." She said, "Don't limit God. Just say, 'I work for God, and God works miracles.' " God has something for each one of us to do that no one else can do quite so well. When you hear God call, and you answer, you can do that task just a little better than anybody else can do it. Mrs. Randolph concluded with prayer.

Thursday Noon — Luncheon

Luncheon was served in the Fellowship Hall of the First Methodist Church, with Mrs. B. F. Patterson, Jr., presiding. She presented the District Secretaries of Promotion, each of whom spoke of a special achievement of her District during the past year. As each spoke, she constructed a portion of a flannelgraph picture, which when completed with all the achievements named, was the emblem of the Woman's Society of Christian Service. Mrs. Patterson stated that the emblem represents almost two million women who are giving nearly ten million dollars for the work around the world. As she presented the Quadrennial Emphases poster, she challenged us to be loyal women and uphold the "Program That Unites Us in Witness and Service." As we reach maturity, we want to step out with the "Faith That Compels Us," face the "Factors That Confront Us," heed the "Frontiers That Call Us" and cross them.

Thursday Afternoon

The singing of the hymn 'Brightly Beams Our Father's Mercy" prepared our thoughts for the next speaker, Miss Annimae White, missionary to the Congo, who spoke to us on "The New Congo Calling for Help." Miss White had to leave the Congo suddenly and without notice last July when the emergency struck.

Miss White stated that the work of the Church in the Congo is carried on chiefly by the natives. The District Superintendents throughout the Congo are Africans. The primary schools have African directors. The youth work is carried on by the youth of Africa. A Methodist heads up the youth work for all the Protestants in the Congo. However, there is no Congolese doctor in all of the Congo. A most important movement in the Congo is the layman's movement, whereby laymen go out two by two to villages with no pastor and have Sunday School and hold Church services. For many years the missionaries in the Congo have been urging the establishment of secondary schools. For years they have asked for workers, but only enough responded to have two secondary schools in the whole Congo. Miss White was a teacher in one of these school. The Congo government can finance the schools—but it cannot furnish the teachers. There are no Africans who can teach in secondary schools, because their education has been limited to primary school. Bishop Booth is calling for 130 teachers for a Polytechnic Institute to train Africans in every phase of work. She stated that Communism thrives on the failures of others. Our biggest failure is that our missionaries go to Africans and tell them about Christianity, but the Africans say, "Look what happens in your country." To them what we say and what we do is not consistent. She cited instances of Christian men from Africa coming to the United States and finding themselves unwelcome in our churches. As a result they questioned Christianity. Miss White stated, "We are grateful for what the United Nations has done in the Congo. If we never go back, it's been worth all the effort we have put forth. As we wait and watch the Congo, as we remember those Christians there, our hope is in Him who said 'I have overcome the world.' There's a church there—and Christ is there.' "

Conference officers' reports were presented as a "Gift Exchange," each officer bringing a charm to place on a large golden bracelet representing the Woman's Society. Mrs. T. Haller Jackson presided.

The Vice-President, Mrs. M. R. Tatum, emphasized program planning as it relates to the Quadrennial Emphases, saying there is no greater challenge to us as Christian witnesses. Seventy-one per cent of the Societies in the Conference have active committees on program. Her charm for the golden bracelet was the Program Book. Each of us, she stated, needs to use our talents to inspire women of the church with the joy of service.

The Secretary of Literature and Publications, Mrs. Warren Orr, placed **The Methodist Woman** and the **World Outlook** on the charm bracelet. In presenting the new TWENTY-FIRST ANNUAL REPORT of the Woman's Division, she emphasized the fact that the CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS is a book to itself this year, and will fit into a pocket in the back of the ANNUAL REPORT. She stated that Miss Sarah Parrott wants expressed opinions of the new look in the edition this year. The Prayer Calendar was also held up for special notice. Her enthusiastic sales talk ended with "Remember, every reader a leader."

Mrs. C. J. Tackaberry, Secretary of Supply Work, placed a money clip holding a "Texas-size" dollar bill on the charm bracelet, stating that there is a big gap left to fill in order to reach our goal in Supply giving. She also said that 50,000 Red Scissors coupons must be sent in to St. Mark's Community Center by August in order for them to receive a bonus. There were 25,000 sent in the first shipment. The people working in our projects, she said, are literally making themselves a bridge for young people of today to walk over to find a better way of life.

The Secretary of Missionary Education, Mrs. Wideman Watson, urged that we gain definite knowledge through study, and follow it with action from study. Her charm for the bracelet was a symbol of Missions, a cross above the world.

Mrs. R. R. Cahal, Secretary of Children's Work stressed the need of strong and effective guidance for our Children if they are to become leaders in the Church. She placed the outline of a child's face as her charm on the bracelet. As we unite our efforts with those of our Church, we not only strengthen the program of missionary education of children but also strengthen the total program of the church. Our children need more than ever to feel the security of their church.

Placing the final charm on the chain, a replica of "Praying Hands," Mrs. Jackson said "We are in the cultivating business, always vitally interested in the process of becoming better and more mature Christians. To this end we must ever be alert and cooperative in assisting to enrich the spiritual life of the entire church, especially the women, through vital experiences in prayer, study, personal and corporate worship, witnessing, sharing, and service. As officers and secretaries, our work does not overlap; it interlocks. No line of work stands alone. It is the shared service that brings the greater satisfaction." Remembering that "no chain is stronger than its weakest link," she stressed the importance of each woman present in maintaining the strength or weakness of the chain. The clasp of the bracelet, she said, is the handclasp of friendship, fellowship and Christian love.

Thursday Dinner

Mrs. Warren Orr presided over the buffet dinner in Fellowship Hall. The program was one of informal vocal selections by Mrs. Fred Shirley, accompanied by Mrs. George Kramer. Mrs. Shirley was assisted in one of her numbers by the Reverend Carl Lueg. The informality of this entertainment was a welcome change of pace which gave more meaning to the seriousness of the remainder of the program.

Thursday Evening

Following an organ prelude "Chorale in A Minor" by Franck, Miss Juanelve Rose at the organ, and the singing of the hymn "O Master Let Me Walk with Thee," the Reverend James L. Stovall, pastor of University Church, read

verses from the third chapter of John, followed by prayer. The adult choirs of First Methodist Church, conducted by Mr. Lamar Robertson, sang the anthem, 'Almighty God of Our Fathers," by Will James.

Mrs. M. R. Tatum presented the president of the Conference, Mrs. L. B. Kilpatrick, who delivered the President's Message on the subject 'A Near Look and a Far Vision." (See page 67.)

The President presented Mrs. Glenn E. Laskey, a former president of the Louisiana Conference Woman's Society who is now chairman of the Section on Education and Cultivation of the Woman's Division. Mrs. Laskey spoke on the subject "Love Is a Spendthrift."

She spoke of the overflowing love of God, which heals and changes people. God loved and God gave. The same is expected of us. "What are we doing in the area of loving and giving?" in the program of the Woman's Society. Last year we lost 41,000 members. During the months ahead we are going to study our woman constituency as to rural, employed, and all types of women. There will be a concentrated District training program. A Christian Social Relations study on race is to be made jointly by men and women. Mrs. Laskey stated that anyone who wants to write to the Woman's Division with any complaint or idea should do so. Every letter is given consideration. Some of the best ideas for improvement have come from Local Societies. She quoted from a letter from a missionary to Malaya as follows: "The students often come up with TIME, LIFE, LOOK, and clippings from the newspapers and say, 'Did this really happen in your country? How can such things happen in your country if it is a Christian country?' Many Malayans ask 'Why do you feel that you are justified in coming to our country to encourage us to be Christians when in your country you have such racial inequalities and problems? Why do you offer it to us if you have not tried it yourselves?' The United States is the leading power in the World, but the attitude toward race is a very backward one. It harms the Christian mission work; it slows it up years and years." The shortage of personnel is so acute that we face closing some of our work. Some has already been closed. We have one-third fewer workers in the home and foreign field than 35 years ago. There are 1,000 fewer men in seminaries today than there were a year ago. The South Central Jurisdiction had only four new missionaries last year. The per capita giving in the Woman's Division last year was $6.54, an increase of 35c per member. That of the Church is less. Our Church is almost in a crisis situation. No longer can we just listen. We have come to the time when we must act. The image that we present as Methodist Women is important. We need to captivate people with a radiant, joyous outlook, as we try to become ambassadors for Christ.

With the singing of the hymn "Take Up Thy Cross," the pledge service presented a challenge to those present, as each District president and treasurer took part in the pledge to take up the Cross and bring an increased pledge for her district. On the Communion rail were small crosses. As the treasurers and presidents knelt for a few moments of rededication, they took up a cross as a symbol of deep concern for those who need a Savior and of our willingness to take up this Cross and follow Him who said "Go ye into all the world." As they knelt, Mrs. Fred Shirley sang "Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone?"

The Reverend Carl Lueg pronounced the benediction.

Friday Morning

Following the singing of the hymn "Hark, the Voice of Jesus Calling" Mrs. Lee Tidwell conducted the morning worship with a Scripture reading from John 15:4-16 and a prayer.

The president announced that the Executive Committee would meet immediately following adjournment of the Annual Meeting. She expressed her thanks to the newspapers in Lake Charles which had given such excellent publicity to our meeting and to Mrs. A. M. Mutersbaugh and Mrs. Warren Hayes of First Methodist Church, who were in charge of publicity.

Mrs. Laskey and Mrs. Sam Dunbar were presented at this time for a "Mission Travelogue." Mrs. Laskey spoke of visiting a number of churches in Europe and England during a recent tour there. She stated that there is no work of our Church in Europe, except in Poland, where there are two projects. There are Methodist Churches in Norway, where the World Methodist Conference will be held this summer.

Mrs. Dunbar, who has just concluded two terms as Jurisdiction Secretary of Supply Work, spoke about a tour that she made with the Board of Missions of the Methodist Church, spending 7 weeks in Southeast Asia. She spoke of meeting university professors at Aoyama Gakuin College in Tokyo. These professors are one hundred per cent Christian, their main object being to present Christianity 24 hours a day. In Taiwan she visited one project where a doctor is needed. In stressing the need for further Christian Educational facilities, she stated that 26,600 young people took college entrance examinations, but only 9,000 could be admitted. Eighteen hundred students attend our Soochow University.

She pointed up details of her visit to Borneo, where visitation is made only by invitation. She described her trip to the Dyak Country where she met Christians who were head hunters only a few years ago. The dwellings of the Dyak people are long houses where many families live, each family having a single room. Christian influence was evidenced in the dress of some and in the absence of tatoos on the younger ones. A beautiful worship service, and a gift-giving ceremony two hours in length, were expressive of the interest of these people in their visitors. A forty bed hospital, which members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service helped to build, was dedicated while she was there. This hospital has five nurses and two doctors. In the short time she was there the lives of three patients were saved just because of this hospital. The nearest doctor otherwise is ninety miles away, an overnight trip by boat. She summed up her observations on this trip by saying the need is great. Much has been given us; much is going to be required of us. As a parting gift the head man in the Dyak Longhouse presented an alarm clock to the director of the tour from the Board of Missions, stating "Every time you hear the clock tick, remember that Christians on the other side of the world need your prayers and your help to be better Christians." To make Him known is our responsibility. The missionaries are wonderful, she stated.

Mrs. Dunbar stated that she will be happy to show slides of her trip to any group who would like to see them.

Continuing with conference officers' reports, Mrs. G. W. Dameron, Secretary of Missionary Personnel; Mrs. C. R. McCammon, Secretary of Youth Work; and Mrs. Charles Giessen, Secretary of Student Work, participated in a discussion with four college students, each of whom represented some particular phase or interest of student life. The students were Charlotte Malarkey, Edward Bullock, Kathleen Gates, and Diane Watkins. Mrs. Dameron was chairman of this program. The topic was "God Calls to Youth." The students spoke about the help Wesley Foundation has been to them on the Campus. Each student discussed why he was considering a church related vocation. A Christian home atmosphere, the help of pastor, teachers and friends, church camps and conferences, and people in church related vocations who seem happy in their work, all had contributed toward pointing the way for these students. A need for books in Wesley Foundation libraries was expressed, with the statement that gifts of books to the library would be appreciated. Mrs. Dameron concluded the discussion by saying that any profession a young person is interested in can be used by the church. The basic influence in the life of young people comes from the local church and from the home. One of the greatest needs of our church is to help young people to have a sound philosophy for their faith. Our responsibility is to witness in our own lives to the joyous experience of being a Christian and to know how to counsel and advise when they need it.

Mrs. Glenn Laskey stated that from the treasurer of the Woman's Division, Mrs. Porter Brown, comes word that in a will soon to be probated there is provision for a scholarship which will pay all expenses for some young woman

who will become a medical missionary. Unless it is claimed, it will go back to the estate when the will is probated. Mrs. Dameron announced that we have such a young woman in this Conference, and that she has contacted Mrs. Brown about this matter.

Mrs. C. R. McCammon, reporting on the youth dinner held Wednesday evening, stated that there were 161 in attendance. The young people were delighted, thrilled and inspired. Miss Ann Ruth Jones, returned A3 from the Congo, brought a challenging message, which should bear fruit in the lives of those young people in years to come.

The President called for committee reports. Mrs. Laskey, chairman of the committee on Constitution and Bylaws, presented changes to be made in the Louisiana Conference Bylaws in accordance with the permissive legislation given at the twentieth Annual Meeting whereby this committee was given the privilege of editing the Bylaws to bring them in line with those of the Woman's Division. A change in numbering of Standing Rules to get them in proper order was also presented. Mrs. Laskey's report was as follows:

Bylaws of the Conference

Article II

Add:
Section 2 (a) where there is only one nominee, the election may be by voice.

Article III — Funds (Pages 121 and 122, Twentieth Annual Report)

Add:
Section 8. All orders on the treasury must be approved by the Conference President and Secretary of Promotion.

Article IV — Executive Committee (Page 121, Twentieth Annual Report)

Section 1. The Executive Committee of the conference society shall be composed of the president, the vice-president, the recording secretary, the treasurer, the secretaries of Children's Work, Christian Social Relations, Literature and Publications, Missionary Education, Missionary Personnel, Missionary Service, Promotion, Spiritual Life, Student Work, Supply Work, Wesleyan Service Guild and Youth Work; the chairman of the Conference News Sheet, the retiring conference president, who shall serve for one year, the resident Bishop, all members of the Woman's Division of Christian Service, officers and secretaries of lines of work of the jurisdiction society residing within the conference, chairmen of committees, the president of each district Womans Society, such other persons specifically related to the work of the Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service as the conference society may determine; and the following Ex-officio members: the Conference Director of Youth Work and the wife of the resident Bishop, who shall be an honorary vice-president. A majority shall constitute a quorum. The Division shall provide the expense for the attendance of Division members for one executive meeting annually of their conference society.

Section 2. (Add the following sentence at the end of the present paragraph.) "The executive committee shall be advised immediately of business transacted by the administrative committee."

Article V — Committees

Renumber Sections 1 to 11 as follows:
Section 11 becomes No. 1
Section 2 remains No. 2
Section 5 becomes No. 3
Delete Section 9 and substitute new Section 4

Section 4. There shall be a committee on nominations, composed of one representative from each district, nominated by the Executive Committee

of the District Woman's Society of Christian Service, and one additional person, who shall serve as chairman, all nominated by the Conference Executive Committee and elected in the annual meeting of the Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service. It shall be the duty of this committee to find specially qualified women in the conference who may serve as officers, secretaries of lines of work, chairmen of committees and members of the committee on nominations and nominate them, the term of service of these committee members to be determined by the Executive Committee.

Section 3 becomes No. 5
Section 1 becomes No. 6
Section 4 becomes No. 7
Section 6 becomes No. 8
Section 7 becomes No. 9
Section 8 becomes No. 10
Section 10 becomes No. 11
Section 12 remains No. 12
Section 13 remains No. 13

The Articles shall be numbered as follows, so that they may be in line with those of the Woman's Division:

Article I. Duties of Officers and Secretaries of Lines of Work, Sections 1 to 15 inclusive.

Article II. Executive Committee. (Formerly Article IV).

Article III. Committees. (Formerly Article V.)

Article IV. Elections. (Formerly Article II).

Article V. Funds. (Formerly Article III).

Article VI. Amendments and Additional Bylaws. (Remains the same).

Bylaws of the District

Article II — Elections

Section 4. In line 1 delete the words "the last" and substitute the word "an" and following the words executive committee meeting insert the words "at least six months." Section 4 to read as follows:

At an annual or executive committee meeting, at least six months preceding the Assembly, one delegate shall be elected from each district by the district executive committee, who shall be a district officer, or secretary of lines of work. The expenses of the district representative shall be paid by the District.

Standing Rules of the Conference

Annual Meeting

No. 11 becomes No. 1
No. 8 becomes No. 2
New standing rule becomes No. 3

No. 3. The conference membership at an annual meeting shall be composed of the following persons who have the privileges of voting: the executive committee, all local delegates, the wife of the resident Bishop, all past conference presidents, the chairman of the Deaconess Board, all district officers and secretaries of lines of work, and all zone leaders.

No. 9 becomes No. 4
No. 10 becomes No. 5
No. 6 remains No. 6
No. 5 becomes No. 7
No. 14 becomes No. 8
No. 15 becomes No. 9

Funds

No. 16 becomes No. 10
No. 1 becomes No. 11
No. 12 remains No. 12
No. 13 remains No. 13
No. 19 becomes No. 14
No. 17 becomes No. 15
No. 22 becomes No. 16.

Add new standing rule:

No. 17. See page 56, 1959-60 Journal, Standing Rule No. 21 passed at Shreveport Annual meeting omitted from standing rules of the Conference Journal, reading as follows:

An amount not to exceed $3,000.00 may be raised on the local level by freewill offerings at the rate of 25 cents per member to be allocated toward the salary of a Youth worker on the staff of the Louisiana Moral and Civic Foundation.

No. 22. In lines four and five delete the words "Executive Committee and change to "Administrative Committee."

New standing rule becomes:

No. 18. When death occurs among the members of the executive committee, or to relatives living within the home of executive committee members, a remembrance gift of $5.00 may be sent as a memorial.

New standing rule becomes:

No. 19. When young women from the Louisiana Conference are commissioned as Deaconesses or as Missionaries a gift of $25.00 shall be presented them and a Special Membership given in their honor. When missionaries return to the field after furlough an additional $25.00 is to be given them.

School of Missions

No. 18 becomes No. 20
No. 21 remains No. 21
No. 20 becomes No. 22

Annual Report

No. 2 becomes No. 23
New standing rule becomes No. 24

No. 24. The conference recording secretary shall have printed in the Annual Report a mailing list, according to categories, to whom the Annual Report is to be sent.

Miscellaneous

No. 3 becomes No. 25
No. 4 becomes No. 26

New Standing Rule for Local Societies

No. 13. A contribution of 25c per member may be sent annually through regular channels for the Louisiana Moral and Civic Foundation.

No. 14. Officers should be elected in February. Those elected shall assume their duties the first of June.

Mrs. Laskey moved the adoption of these changes. Motion carried.

Mrs. Laskey further moved that the Committee be given permission to edit the District Bylaws to bring them in order with those of the Woman's Division. Motion carried.

The Recording Secretary read the names of tellers as follows:

Distributing Tellers: Mrs. Thomas Clark, Mrs. Nolan Greely, Mrs. C. O. Blandin, Mrs. Don Wineinger.

Counting Tellers: Mrs. Wideman Watson, Mrs. T. F. Wilbanks, Mrs. Jack Dolan, Mrs. Don Elliott.

The Secretary read the ruling pertaining to the election of a nominating committee, following which she read the list of names of those nominated by the executive committee.

The President called for nominations from the floor. There being none, the President declared the nominations closed.

The voting strength was established as 155 voting delegates. The distributing tellers spread the mimeographed ballots on which were the names of nominees. The ballots were collected. The counting tellers retired to count the vote.

Mrs. C. J. Tackaberry reporting for the Journal Committee, stated that the committee will read the Journal when it is complete and give a report then.

Mrs. C. O. Blandin, reporting for the committee on Corsages for Missions, stated that 350 corsages were sold for a total of $437.96.

Mrs. L. F. Wagner, extended a very gracious invitation to the Conference to hold its Annual Meeting in First Methodist Church, New Orleans, in 1962. Mrs. Wagner is president of the Woman's Society of this church. The dates suggested were March 14, 15, 16. The invitation and dates were accepted with pleasure.

The President presented Mrs. D. B. Boddie to the congregation, stating that she has attended the Louisiana Conference Woman's Society Annual Meeting for 39 consecutive years. She is now a District Secretary of Children's Work in the Alexandria District. Those women present who were attending the Annual Meeting for the first time were asked to stand with her for a picture.

Mrs. Alfred Knox requested that more items of interest be mailed to the **Louisiana Methodist** for publication. Such items should be mailed to: **Louisiana Methodist**, P. O. Box 3547, Little Rock, Arkansas.

The President requested that the Lake Charles committee for the Annual Meeting come forward and stand while the Resolutions were read by Mrs. Wayne Givens:

Resolutions — 1961

"We, the delegates and members of the 21st Annual Meeting of the Louisiana Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service in session at Lake Charles, wish to express our thanks for the rich spiritual experience that has been ours.

"From the moment we first entered Lake Charles, we have felt a warm welcome. It seems that even the azaleas have held back their bloom in order to burst forth in all their beauty to add to the joy of this great meeting.

"We wish to thank the host Society of the First Methodist Church, Lake Charles; the pastor Dr. Carl Lueg, and Mrs. Lueg; the associate pastor, the Reverend Don H. Hall, and Mrs. Hall; and the District Superintendent, the Reverend Sam Nadar, and Mrs. Nadar. We are grateful to the other societies and the ministers and their wives of the Lake Charles District. Our deep appreciation goes to Mrs. Howard Carter and Mrs. S. W. Plauche, chairmen, and to all who served with them to make our stay here a memorable one.

"We wish to express our gratitude to our beloved president, Mrs. L. B. Kilpatrick, as she has presided with grace and dignity throughout the ses-

sions of this meeting, to Mrs. Wideman Watson and the members of the Program Committee for the thoughtful planning which has made this an enriching and meaningful program.

"Our special thanks go to Bishop Aubrey G. Walton and Bishop Dana Dawson for the stirring messages they brought us, and to other distinguished guests who inspired and challenged us.

"We owe a debt of gratitude to Mr. Lamar Robertson, Mrs. Clark R. Carver, Miss Juanelva Rose and others who lifted our hearts in worship through music.

"We have proudly worn the Corsages for Missions which symbolize extra gifts to our work around the world. We wish to thank Mrs. C. O. Blandin for giving us this opportunity."

Mrs. Lee Tidwell
Mrs. C. B. McGowan
Mrs. Wayne Givens

The resolutions were adopted by a standing vote of appreciation.

Mrs. Wideman Watson, chairman of tellers, reported that 153 ballots were cast, three spoiled. Mrs. Kilpatrick announced the election of the nominating committee as follows: Mrs. C. B. McGowan, chairman; Mrs. C. C. Dethloff, Alexandria District; Mrs. T. M. Ellis, Baton Rouge District; Mrs. P. D. Lambert, Lafayette District; Mrs. J. H. Dennison, Lake Charles District; Mrs. S. B. Dampier, Monroe District; Mrs. Carl Gallaher, New Orleans District; Mrs. L. C. Aycock, Ruston District; Mrs. W. D. Snelling, Shreveport District.

Following the singing of the hymn, "My Times Are in Thy Hand," Mrs. J. B. Mouton, Secretary of Christian Social Relations, presented Mrs. G. W. Pomeroy as moderator of a panel on "The Family and Rapid Social Change." Other members of the panel were Mrs. Mary Evelyn Parker, Louisiana Commissioner of Public Welfare, and Mrs. W. W. Paxton, former Conference Secretary of Spiritual Life.

Mrs. Pomeroy's subject was "The Family and the Changing Scene." She stated that one-third of all women 14 years of age and over in the United States are employed. Six out of ten married women are employed. This entrance of women into employment has brought a change in the roles of men and women in Society. Those who blame juvenile delinquency on the employment of mothers overlook the factor that many come from homes where the mother works in order to provide necessities for her children. Juvenile delinquency, or the lack of it, is much more dependent on the quality of life in the household than on the employment or unemployment of mothers. She stated that almost everyone needs help in facing problems within the family. Home must be the thing that gives abundance to life—love, security, understanding, faith, belief. As the family lives its religion, its religion educates the child and sends him out into the world with a sense of values determined at an early age. We need a fundamental concept of the worth of all people and the dignity of man, and an understanding of other cultures and the basic needs of their ways of living. A world of rapid social change demands that we live up to the best that we know.

Mrs. Paxton spoke on "The Family Facing the Aging Process." She spoke of the increasing number of people over 65, and of the vital need of meeting their problems. Only those who have experienced it can know the sense of defeat that comes when one is no longer useful or needed. Everyone needs to be needed. Golden age camps are answering a need in a most enjoyable way. The old are not in competition with the young, but they should be in cooperation with them. The real beauty of age is spiritual. It is not something that you put on, but something you possess. She concluded with two prayers—one a prayer of an aging person, the other a prayer of a family who has an aging member in it, ending with "May we so kindly be, so full of cheer, that in our home thy presence is always near. Clothe us in Thy beauty this we pray. May we reveal Thee, Lord, throughout the whole day."

Mrs. Parker's subject was "Louisiana Families—Social Problems and Social Services." She stated that one-third of the families in this country live on an average earning of $209.00 per month. In Louisiana, 79,000 children in over 22,000 families are receiving aid to dependent children because of the deprivation of one or more parents. All children needing help do not come from low income groups. There are only three cities in the state, New Orleans, Shreveport, and Baton Rouge, where family counseling service is available. There is need for more. Often broken homes could be prevented by such service. There is also a need for child care service for mothers who cannot otherwise provide proper care for their children while they work. Perhaps the church could help here. She cited cases of eight and ten year old children being left in charge of a small child, due to necessity. She stated that the churches need to accept responsbility of strengthening the religious life of their members. Families need to be assisted by counseling, when in trouble. Many of the families in trouble do not have a religious affiliation. Churches that provide wholesome supervised play and instruction meet a need. Individuals and churches need to explore the needs of families and work to strengthen family life. We should never lose sight of our need in helping with human relationships.

Mrs. Mouton spoke on the subject "The Church and the Family." She stated that somehow the family must know that it lives to worship and serve God. Our resources are to be used by God. What is the climate that we are preparing for our children? Do we know that by depriving others of freedom, we place ourselves in the place of the possibility of having freedom taken from us? For the ultimate good of all, some must be willing to sacrifice all, if need be, for right and justice. The Church must speak through the family. We need have no fear if we approach our problem with an open mind and seek God's guidance in what we shall do about it.

Mrs. Pomeroy concluded the panel discussion by urging us to take a good look at our Church and see what service we can give that would be of help.

In preparation for the noon-day worship Mrs. Fred Shirley sang "Lamb of God," by Franck, with Mr. Al Salley as accompanist.

Mrs. Milton Randolph led our worship on the theme "God Calls to Families." She stated, "Of all God's gifts, the family is the most rare." Do we take the family too lightly and talk only about its problems and not about its joys? The fourth frontier in America is family life. While man is seeking to conquer outer space, wouldn't it be wonderful if the women could help the world achieve inner peace? Do we talk to God with our families? "The underprivileged child today is the child who has never heard his mother or father pray aloud." Do we dare not listen to God with our families? No influence is quite so great on anyone as the influence of the home. The goverment has done something about housing. It is up to the church to put homes in these houses. The overall emphasis that came out of General Conference in Denver is "Jesus Christ is Lord of Life." Jesus can be a help to us in our Family life. We are urged to emphasize family worship, prayer, and Bible reading in our families. If we cannot pray with our children, how can we save them, how can we guide them? Listen to God's call to families. We have holes in the fence we need to mend. We have a new sense of dedication that we need to make today. She closed with the prayer that God would help us to make Christ lord of our families.

In a service of solemnity and rededication, the Reverend Carl Lueg, assisted by the other ministers present, led in the service of Holy Communion. Those assisting were the Reverend Hubert Gibbs, Travis Campbell, Kenneth Paul, Cleburn Quaid, L. W. Taylor, Don Hall, A. A. McKnight, and E. W. Day.

The president declared the twenty-first Annual Meeting of the Louisiana Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service adjourned.

POST EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Immediately following adjournment of the Annual Meeting the Executive Committee met for a luncheon. Mrs. Glenn Laskey offered a prayer of thanksgiving asking for guidance in our work during the ensuing year's work. Before the beginning of the business session, short meetings of the committees on School of Missions and Annual Meeting Program were held. The secretary checked the roll and noted the addition of Mrs. Glenn Laskey.

Mrs. McSween presented a plan of the material to be included in the May issue of the Conference News Sheet and the amount of space to be allotted. This issue will contain information about School of Missions. Articles from Conference Officers and Secretaries of Lines of Work should be (1) Related to recommendations which they feel need the most promotion, (2) limited to 300 words, (3) sent by April 1st to each member of the committee: Mrs. McSween, Mrs. Dameron, Mrs. P. D. Lambert. Copies of the News Sheet will be sent to the Officers of this year, with a notice to pass them on to new Officers. District Secretaries of Promotion are asked to check with Local Societies to see that each receives copies.

Mrs. McSween reported on an inquiry made concerning the cost of binding several volumes of the Annual Report under one cover. Displaying one that she had had bound, she stated that the price of a similar copy binding the Annual Reports of two Quadrenniums under one cover would be $9.15. She stated that the President of the Conference should have a file of such bound copies to use and to pass along to her successor.

Mrs. Laskey moved that we authorize Mrs. McSween to have all past copies of the Annual Report of the Louisiana Conference Woman's Society bound—two quadrenniums under each cover. Motion carried.

The President called attention to the fact that the new listing of the members of the Conference Executive Committee, as adopted at the Annual Meeting to conform with the new Woman's Division Bylaws for the Conference Society, does not name the Treasurer and the Secretary of Promotion of the districts. However, they are invited and expected to attend the Mid-year Meeting of the Executive Committee. At that time it shall be decided whether or not they will be voting members.

The President requested that the Finance Committee meet immediately following adjournment to decide what money can be set aside for Christian Vocations according to Standing Rule 22, page 129, of the Twentieth Annual Report.

The President appointed a committee to look into the matter of a Friendship Home for Negro girls in New Orleans, as follows: Mrs. Carl Gallaher, Mrs. Warren Orr, and Mrs. Jackson.

Committee oganization reports were given by Mrs. Wideman Watson, as follows:

1. Annual Meeting program: Chairman, Mrs. Jackson. Add the name of Mrs. Gallaher and delete the name of Mrs. McGrede.
2. School of Missions and Christian Service: Chairman, Mrs. Watson. Dean of School of Missions for 1962, Mrs. Tatum. Add the names of Mrs. Dameron and Mrs. McCammon.

Mrs. Patterson reported for the committee on program for District Officer Training in Alexandria. A copy of this program will be mailed to all Conference officers and secretaries of lines of work.

Mrs. Dameron suggested the possibility of having a retreat apart from any other meeting, stating that we need the undergirding that such a retreat would bring. This is to be discussed further at the Mid-year Meeting.

The President reported that Sager-Brown Home and Godman School in Baldwin is in dire need of assistance, as some of the buildings are in need of extensive repairs. In discussing the possibility of our having funds to allocate for use at Sager-Brown Home, she stated that money allocated to the use of MacDonell Methodist Home has not been used, and apparently is not needed at this time. (See Finance Committee recommendation No. 8, Page 41, Twentieth Annual Report.)

Mrs. Loyd moved that we send up to $1200.00 to Sager-Brown Home and Godman School if funds are available at the end of the year. Motion carried.

Mrs. Laskey stated that at the next time educational institutions come up for Week of Prayer Funds we should make a request for funds for Sager-Brown. The President requested that Mrs. Laskey investigate to find out how soon this might be, what we should do about it, and report at the Mid-year Meeting. Mrs. Laskey asked that the Recording Secretary remind her of this in writing about a month before the meeting.

Mrs. Laskey stated that it is not likely that our request for two rural deaconesses in Louisiana can be filled any time soon, as there are 25 vacancies in rural work at present.

The President asked for reports from the Officers' Clinics held at the Annual Meeting. The consensus of opinion was that the clinics were worthwhile and successful.

Mrs. Tatum reported that the evaluation sheets from the Annual Meeting had been checked and the conclusion drawn from them was that this was one of the best Annual Meetings we have ever had.

Mrs. Kilpatrick concluded the session by leaving this thought with the committee: A child praying ended her prayer with the words "I'm in"—her interpretation of the word "Amen." "We are in God's care and God's service. God speed you on your way home."

Approved: Mrs. C. J. Tackaberry
Mrs. Carl Gallaher

Mrs. Geo. H. Thomas
Recording Secretary

Mrs. L. B. Kilpatrick
President

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

"A NEAR LOOK AND FAR VISION"

Mrs. L. B. Kilpatrick

In a limousine on the way to an airport, one man started a conversation by asking another of the passengers where he was going. The answer was, "Guatemala." Of course, this reply led to other questions, for Guatamala politics were on the front pages of the newspaper; questions such as, "How are conditions there; What are the Communists doing? How are you, as a citizen of the United States, treated ?" The man who was being questioned gave some answers that I cannot forget. He was an engineer, building roads in Guatemala. He had not had trouble from the people and was treated well as a citizen of the United States. One reason for this, he felt, was because he made a habit of always saying, "Gracios" to those around him—the laborers on the road, the suppliers—all people with whom he came in contact. Futhermore, his policy had been, if he chanced to meet six nationals of Guatemala walking side by side on the sidewalk, which was commonly done there, he did not arrogantly try to plunge through this line of people. He stepped aside, down into the street, if necessary, until these six had passed him by. After all, he said, "It was their sidewalk." Then he summed up by saying, "The trouble with the world is greed. Everyone thinks of "I". What we need is Christianity practiced." This engineer, in a limousine with three strangers, gave clear-cut examples of the theme of our meeting here, "God Calls to Witness and Service," for was he not witnessing when he, in humility, not in arrogance, was willing to step off the sidewalk, not forcing his way through a line of people? Was he not witnessing when he spoke out for the need of practicing Christianity to overcome greed, to put that little word "I" in the background?

What is a witness? A witness is a person who knows some vital truth that he is obligated to tell. Jesus set the example for witnessing. The Scripture says of him that, "He went about doing good." He met need in every realm of life; in the intellectual, for "He taught as one having authority, not as a Scribe or Pharisee;" in the physical, for he healed diseases and conquered death; in the natural, for even the wind and seas obeyed Him; in the spiritual, for He forgave sin. "And we are witnesses of all the things which he did." If we are to witness, we must be obligated to tell these vital truths.

Where shall we witness? One thing that troubles many people is that conventional religion, like classroom economics, has been shut up in compartments, shut off from everyday living. Religion has its place in mid-stream. God's call to witness and service does not come in one loud shout, heard once and heeded or rejected once for all. It comes repeatedly, now here, now there, demanding this, demanding that. It bids some to be teachers and doctors, others to be missionaries and nurses. It demands the building of homes and rearing of children. It summons persons to the slums of America, to the dusty villages of India, and the troubling struggle of Korea.

A story was told of some children playing on a seashore. At one point, the tide and force of the waves had made a small pool in the rocks where the water was shallow and warm. Two children were playing in this pool and three others were dashing into the waves along the shore, plunging into the churning surf. One called to the two in the little pool and said, "Come on out and swim in the ocean.

Today and tomorrow we must not have Woman's Societies, like the little pool, secluded in a warm shallow self-contentment; members, who are perfectly content to splash around in a little pool. We need to hear the call, "Come on out and swim in the ocean, the surging life of the Church, the dashing waves of Christian world challenge."

We need to put on our far vision glasses so that we may go out into the ocean of Christian Social Concerns. There is need for cooperative efforts on the part of our women in the local church with the Commission on Christian Social Concerns. We need to move together in giving combined endeavor to

the Church as it attempts to "Give the mind of Christ in the world," as the world faces almost insurmountable obstacles in the area of national and international tensions.

Dr. Samuel Johnson said, "People need to be reminded more often than they need to be instructed." Our role, as members of the Woman's Society vitally concerned with Christian Social Relations, will not necessarily be one of instructing in the local church, but one of reminding—reminding the Church to "Come on out and swim in the ocean."

We are told "A New Age is here, but the New Mind has been slow in taking form." We need to take a look at the facts of change and at the nature of our world and culture in a more sustained, steadier, and more profound way than any of us have yet done.

In thinking of forming a New Mind for a New Age, what are some of the essential factors we can use? We have a slogan painted on the police cars in Shreveport which says, "Stay alert, stay alive." Where can we learn to stay alert? One thing we can do, by reading, by keeping abreast, through study of the great changes in the world about us, we can mentally stay alive. "The World Outlook" and the "Methodist Woman" are filled with news items and feature stories concerned with the changes in the world. Where can we better find books for the study toward forming a New Mind, than from our own publications? When we study we are more alert.

If we are to answer God's call to witness and service, we must read more, study more, so that we may understand better those persons in our world; those people to whom we are called to witness and serve. This matter of understanding, often referred to today as communicating, reminds me of a Grandmother story. Recently, my six year old Grandson had been watching the News on television. He came to his mother excitedly saying, "Mother, did you know a wildcat hit an airplane?" His mother could not believe this, insisting that he had not heard such a statement on the News. About that time we learned of the Engineers' Wildcat Strike against six big airlines in the United States. The newscaster had announced the Wildcat Strike against the airlines. My grandson knew about an animal, a wildcat—he knew strike meant to hit—he knew airlines were airplanes, so he interpreted this as "A wildcat hits an airplane."

We do not all put our own interpretation on conditions, on world affairs, in the light of our own knowledge and background. Surely we, as Methodist women, with our wonderful resources for study and reading cannot afford to interpret the news of the day with the mind and experience of a six-year-old child. We must learn to communicate with understanding.

Your Secretary of Literature and Publications reports subscriptions to the "Methodist Woman" and "The World Outlook" are less than a year ago. She is greatly concerned over the loss and is working hard to stimulate more interest for more reading by our women.

Your Secretary of Missionary Education has given the following report on studies for Jurisdiction Credit: In 1958-59, 398 credits were earned; in 1959-60, 437 credits were earned. This shows a gain in study credits, but when we think of 15,000 members of the Woman's Society, is this percentage worthy of us? Are we doing our part toward enlisting our members to subscribe for our publications and to study so that we may "Stay alert, stay alive?"

Our vision, near and far, is cloudy when we take a look at recruitment for Church Vocations. The need is urgent. The door of welcome is opened to persons who are well-trained and who are willing to give devoted service. Let us take a close look at our missionaries from the South Central Jurisdiction. In February, 1958, there were 95 active missionaries and 60 retired ones. In February, 1961, there are 90 active missionaries and 65 retired ones. These are the years of service. Thirty-one have been in service for 20 years. Seventeen have been on the mission-field from 10 to 20 years. Thirty-four have served up to 10 years, and there were only four new missionaries as of January 1, 1961.

Retirements and transfers out have reduced to 72, the number of deaconesses on the active roll, while leaves for study, home duty and sickness have further reduced to 64, the number at work. Sad to say, our only increase has been in retired workers.

The year 1963 will mark the 75th year of the Deaconess Order and the goal is 75 new deaconesses in 1963. To reach this goal and to enlist missionaries we must tell every parent, every child and every local church of the existing need. We must challenge the members of our Guilds with the opportunities for full-time Christian service. We cannot call on an employment agency and say, "Send out so many deaconesses and so many missionaries." It is the responsibility of every member of the Woman's Society of Christian Service and Guild, to be a part of recruiting for the mission fields at home and abroad.

The matter of loss of membership in the Woman's Society should be of great concern to each of us. According to the Pilot Study of employed women in the Church and community, it appears that less than half of the women members of the Church belong to the Woman's Society and the Guild. It also appears that although many women are employed, just as many are not employed. We need to look at ourselves and discover the facts and decide what we can do about membership. There is to be a study on the philosophy of membership and the program of the Woman's Society and the Guild. You will be hearing more and more of this in your clinics and in your district meetings.

At no time in the nation's history have more women held more memberships in more organizations for more worthwhile purposes than today. There are more than twenty million members of 2,000 local groups. Are we making the program of our Woman's Societies and Guilds challenging to women?

Possibly, one of the most urgent needs for increasing memberships is that of more joint planning between Guilds and Woman's Societies on all organizational levels. The Guild is one of our greatest assets. The employed woman is coming more and more to the fore. Jesus said, "Go out into the Highways and Byways and compel them to come in." The members of the Wesleyan Service Guild, as they move into the "Highways and Byways" of the world outside the home, certainly have this opportunity to witness to people who never go to church.

The story is told of the parable of the good Samaritan—that the priest could not stop to minister to the man who was beaten and robbed and left at the side of the road. He didn't have time—he was going to preach on brotherhood. It was left to the Samaritan, as he went about his business, to stop and minister to the broken man. So it is with our employed women, as they go about their daily task; like the good Samaritan, they can minister to those in need. Guild members have the glorious opportunity to go to the people rather than waiting to have people come first to the church.

Today, over twenty-one million women are employed. Three out of ten married women are working. What are we doing to enlist these women in the Guild? People are not callous to God's call to witness. Many are waiting for someone to show the way; someone to point up the places of service.

A new building and loan office was opened in our city recently. An invitation was issued for parents to bring their children there and let them put the imprint of their feet and hands on the fresh concrete. Many children came to do this. This matter of having things in concrete appeals to all of us. As Methodist women, we like concrete examples of our giving. We, in Louisiana, have the opportunity of making our giving to Missions concrete. We publish "Missionary Minute" in which letters from our workers are printed. Someone reported of a church giving a personalized missionary minute each Sunday, telling of some project, some need. In so presenting this one minute, the missionary giving was increased from $3,000 to $8,000 in three years in that church. Does your Society give one minute to present one story, one letter from the "Missionary Minute" one time each month? Let us make concrete, make real, our areas of service. Then, Methodist women will make their imprint by giving time, talent, prayers and money.

We are about one million eight hundred thousand Methodist women, a part of the Methodist laity, which has a responsible voice in the policy and program of our great Church. We support this program in our local church. We also support the program of the Woman's Division, because it is a channel of education, fellowship, participation, missionary support and leadership. We are the owners and custodians of millions of dollars worth of property and our program circles the world. But according to a recent report, we give an average per capita of about half as much to our work as the cost of a permanent wave. We need to take an honest, sober look at ourselves, looking with justifiable pride at what we are doing, but also looking with a critical eye to see how much we can still do toward a better job.

Statistics paint pictures. What kind of picture is your society painting with statistics on giving? Are you satisfied with pledging and paying the same amount year after year? You have voted that the South Central Jurisdiction pledge be $2,000,000 for 1961-62. That is now your pledge. What will you do as an individual, as a society, to help meet that pledge?

There is anticipation in far vision, the anticipation of looking ahead. Children ask, "How many days until Christmas? How many days until my birthday?" Let us put on our far vision glasses, anticipating some of the needs in Louisiana.

Across the nation a number of community centers have found themselves in a position of relocating and a changing program. If you live where we have projects, such as St. Mark's, MacDonell Methodist Center, Business Girls' Inn, you may need to look at those with a vision of future usefulness.

There may be needs for other institutions; for example, a residence for young women who are new in the city; a home in which to live while they study in Business or Beauty Schools, or get started on their first job. These girls may need help in fellowship with others their age as they adjust to the city without the protection of their home and family.

The population of the United States has gained 12 per cent in the past decade, 9 per cent of this increase is in the 65 and over age bracket. Many of our societies may need to develop programs for the aging.

We have need for Rural Workers in Louisiana. There are two districts now who greatly need deaconesses to do Rural Work. We have the money, but we do not have workers available. Here we need to use our near vision glasses to find young women to enter into training so that workers may be available.

In a recent book entitled, "A New Mind For a New Age" was this statement, "God waits to grant us a new life in this new age. All that limits the fulfillment of God's purposes is the absence of the sufficient number of dedicated people." God calls us to witness and service.

The decade ahead has been called "The Soaring 60's of Promise," but the soaring 60's may be that we will soar right off the globe, unless we hear and heed God's call. We need emphasis on our mission today, for there is an emergency, an urgency, and an immediacy in the world about us.

A woman stepped on an elevator and as she looked down into the distance below she was frightened. The operator, noticing her dilemma said, "Always look up when you step on the elevator and you will not be afraid." Today, many of us, as we think of world conditions, look down in fear when we need to look up in faith.

Let us witness and serve with willing hands, open minds, looking up with faith in God.

VICE PRESIDENT

Mrs. M. R. Tatum

As we come to the end of the first year of the quadrennium we are conscious of the theme "Our Mission Today." This theme has been related to our program building and action in four areas: the faith that compels us; the factors that confront us; the frontiers that call us; and the program that unites us in witness and service.

We realize that this report is a summary of the past, yet we look to the future with high hopes and plans. We are grateful for the work of the Vice-Presidents and appreciate the splendid work they have done.

There is a marked increase in the area of reporting. Lake Charles, Lafayette, and Shreveport Districts reported 100%. Eighty-six percent of the Woman's Societies use the **Program Book.** The most popular source of Circle programs is the **Program Book.** The new features of the future will be a new modern format and the inclusion of the worship material in the **Program Book.** The **Methodist Woman** and The **World Outlook** were used most often as resource material. Forty-five per cent of the societies reported action as an outgrowth of study.

Special Days were observed by many societies. Four hundred seventy-two studies were reported. Many and varied techniques were used to present the World Federation of Methodist Women.

We have made some progress, but each of us needs to use our talents and, relying on God, lead a life worthy of our calling, so that we may inspire each Methodist woman with the mission of the Church, and the joy of service.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Although the Vice President works with the President in promoting all interests of the Woman's Society, her special duties are in two areas: (1) Programs, (2) World Federation of Methodist Women.

WE THEREFORE RECOMMEND:

1. That all Vice Presidents own and study the obligations of her office from the new Vice Presidents Handbook.
2. That in the area of program, the Vice President take seriously her responsibility for the educational opportunities of the Woman's Society. Remember it is a tremendous challenge to stretch minds, kindle imaginations, lift horizons, secure action and deepen the spiritual lives of the women of the church.
3. That through the World Federation of Methodist Women we strengthen Christian ties around the world.
4. That every Vice President avail herself of the training opportunities offered by the Woman's Society on every level, in workshops, schools of missions, and officer training days.
5. That reports be made twice each year, on November 15, and May 15; that reports be made fully and accurately.

Committee on Program

1. That the Program Committee meet as soon as the flyers are available on programs from Literature Headquarters.
2. That at least four regular meetings be planned not only to distribute materials for the forth-coming programs, but to evaluate the programs which have already been given.
3. That modern techniques of program presentation be used including group participation.

4. That the Committee study the purpose of each program to see that the purpose of the Woman's Society is being accomplished in each presentation.
5. That the Committee on Program make thorough use of available speakers and missionaries, fitting them into the program of the day.
6. That the current Program Book be used in general meetings and circles.
7. That all additional material for programs be taken from our own publications.

World Federation of Methodist Women

1. That we be conscious of the fact that World Federation meets August, 1961, in Oslo, Norway.
2. That we keep in touch with news of the World Federation through our own publications, and the Handbook of the World Federation of Methodist Women; the leaflet, Facts — World Federation of Methodist Women: and the World Federation Place Card.
3. That the World Federation of Methodist Women be presented to the Woman's Society at least three times each year.

RECORDING SECRETARY

Mrs. Geo. H. Thomas

The Twentieth Annual Report was edited by the outgoing Recording Secretary, Mrs. James C. Whitaker. Her report is as follows: "The Annual Report for 1959-1960 was printed by the American Printing Company of New Orleans. The cost of printing, alterations, two rubber stamps, two mats, 700 envelopes, and tax amounted to $1267.13. Postage was extra. With the Guide enclosed each mailing was 8½c with mailing permit."

The Twenty-First Annual Report will be a very important one because it contains the revised Bylaws for Conference and District Societies. It is important that local Societies become familiar with these Bylaws, paying special attention to the Standing Rules for Local Societies. District and Conference officers will be concerned also with familiarizing themselves with the revision.

Although no study guide is being published this year, each Society and each officer is urged to study the Report; use it in preparing programs; study the recommendations for all offices and use them as guides for the year's work; become familiar with the vast amount of information contained in it. Our understanding of the great work of the Woman's Society will be enlarged by so doing.

RECOMMENDATIONS

In order that she may fulfill the duties of her office, it is recommended that each recording secretary:

1. Be aware that the Bylaws have been revised and make a study of them. Be a student of: (a) **Constitution and Bylaws of the Woman's Division of Christian Service**, with the knowledge that in this quadrenium the Bylaws for local Societies are contained in no other publication; (b) Bylaws of the Louisiana Conference Woman's Society as contained in its Twenty-First Annual Report, with special attention to Standing Rules for Local Societies.
2. Study and use **A Guide, (1960-1964)**, The **Twenty-First Annual Report of the Woman's Division**, the **Twenty-First Annual Report of the Louisiana Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service**; and a book on Parliamentary Procedure, namely the latest edition of **Robert's Rules Of Order** or **Parliamentary Law At A Glance** by E. C. Cutter.

3. Remember that she is writing a permanent record for her Society. She should keep accurate minutes, neatly written or typed, in permanent form; a permanent record of Charter members; an up-to-date list of Special Memberships.

4. Keep an accurate roll of members, observing the fact that no member can be dropped except for reasons listed on page 12 of A Guide (1960-1964).

5. Maintain a procedural file of the tools, materials, and information necessary in this office, and pass it on to her successor.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE
LOUISIANA CONFERENCE

May 18, 1960 — May 20, 1961

Mrs. Herbert C. Loyd, Conference Treasurer

	Balance 5-18-60	Additions	Deductions	Balance 5-20-61
Rapides Bldg. & Loan Assn.	$ 3,000.00	—	—	$ 3,000.00
First Federal Savings & Loan	3,148.13	$ 1,038.57	—	4,186.70
Bank - Checking Account	6,411.83	168,427.44	$168,359.02	6,480.25
	$12,559.96	$169,466.01	$168,359.02	$13,666.95

Cash Receipts and Disbursements

Cash Balance May 18, 1960:

Rapides Building & Loan Assn. Alexandria, La.	$3,000.00	
First Federal Savings and Loan Assn. Alexandria, La.	3,148.13	
Rapides Bank & Trust Co., Alexandria, La.	6,411.83	$12,559.96

Receipts:

Districts — On Pledge:	**Pledged**	**Paid**
Alexandria	$ 10,440.00	$ 11,244.10
Baton Rouge	17,670.00	20,112.34
Lafayette	9,200.00	10,893.52
Lake Charles	13,100.00	15,893.77
Monroe	15,600.00	15,723.04
New Orleans	14,490.00	17,549.52
Ruston	14,000.00	13,812.74
Shreveport	25,500.00	30,246.30
	$120,000.00	$135,475.33 *(1)
Corsages for Missions — WSCS		450.04
Corsages for Missions — Guild		135.00
Guild Annual Meeting Collection		194.52
Misc. Gifts honoring Retiring Officer		90.50

TOTAL ON PLEDGE	$136,345.39	
Children	154.03	
TOTAL ON APPROPRIATIONS	$136,499.42	
Cash for Supply Work	16,779.18	
Week of Prayer	8,369.93	
Supplementary	808.05 *(2)	
Alcohol Education	2,325.38	
Transient Funds	1,172.79	

Returns to Cultivation:			
Districts, room rent Juris. School of Missions	$ 48.00		
Jurisdiction School Missions	210.37		
Dividend Rapides Bldg. & Loan	120.00		
Guild Weekend	742.40		
Annual Meeting, WSCS collection	255.03		
Annual Meeting, Guild	93.51		
Christian Social Relations	111.22		
Conference Journals Sold	29.00		
Conference School Missions	63.80		
Youth Delegate to Sequoyah	30.00		
Youth Banquet, Annual Meeting	19.00		
Jurisdiction Conference Expense	112.63		
Itineration of Mrs. W. B. Landrum	219.46	2,054.42	
Cash for Supply Work from Shiela Nuttall, left from St. Tammany Parish Rural Work		$ 418.27	
Dividends - First Federal Savings & Loan Association, posted direct to pass book		140.73	
TOTAL RECEIPTS			$168,568.17
			$181,128.13
Plus Amounts Sent Direct to Woman's Division			1,604.22
TOTAL TO ACCOUNT FOR			$182,732.35

Disbursements:

Woman's Division of Christian Service:			
W. S. C. S.:			
Pledge	$ 89,129.05		
Study Book Projects	1,168.91		
In Remembrance	956.95		
My World Bank	4,001.61		
Miscl.-20th Anniv., heritage tea, Lent, honoring Officers	1,567.97		
Memberships	9,330.00	$106,154.49	
Guild:			
Pledge	$ 15,236.89		
Study Book Projects	293.00		
In Remembrance	121.60		
My World Bank	316.82		
Miscellaneous	597.59		
Memberships	2,700.00	19,265.90	
TOTAL ON PLEDGE		$125,420.39	
Children		154.03	
TOTAL ON APPROPRIATIONS		$125,574.42	
Cash for Supply Work:			
W. S. C. S.	$ 14,715.22		
Guild	2,063.96	16,779.18	
Week of Prayer:			
W. S. C. S.	$ 6,858.03		
Guild	1,511.90	8,369.93	
Supplementary:			
W. S. C. S.	$ 1,694.70		
Guild	313.35	2,008.05 *(3)	
TOTAL TO WOMAN'S DIVISION			$152,731.58
Plus Amount sent direct to Woman's Division			1,604.22
			$154,335.80
Conference Cultivation:			
Officers Expense	$ 855.59		
Annual Meeting	1,750.22 *(4)		
Annual Report	1,389.06		

Mid-Year Executive Meeting	233.92		
Jurisdiction Meeting	300.00 *(4)		
Conference School of Missions	1,088.77 *(4)		
Jurisdict. School of Missions	550.79 *(4)		
Christian Social Relations	311.60 *(4)		
Conference Youth Director	150.00		
Cooperative Meetings	107.00		
Jurisdiction Cultivation	685.20		
Division Cultivation	68.52		
Conference Newspaper	613.58		
Itineration of Mrs. W. B. Landrum	219.46 *(4)		
Miscl.-Gift for Juris. Retr. Off., Adding Machine Co., Western Union	52.27		
District Officers' Training	1,091.94		
Wesleyan Service Guild Expenses	1,788.26 *(4)	11,256.18	
Alcohol Education		2,325.38	
Transient Funds		948.04	
Christian Vocations		200.00	
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS			$169,065.40

Cash Balance May 20, 1961:

Rapides Building & Loan Assn., Alexandria, La.	$ 3,000.00	
First Federal Savings & Loan Assn., Alexandria, La.	4,186.70 *(5)	
Commercial National Bank, Shreveport, La.	6,480.25	13,666.95
TOTAL TO ACCOUNT FOR		$182,732.35

Footnotes:

* (1) Includes $795.40 gifts in honor of retiring officers.
* (2) Includes School of Missions Offering $173.25.
* (3) Included $1200.00 to Sager Brown, voted by Executive Committee.
* (4) Note refunds listed in "Receipts" — also itemized Guild expenses listed below.
* (5) Of this amount $479.57 was transferred from Designated Funds and $418.27 was from Shiela Nuttall for the balance from St. Tammany Rural Work.

Guild Disbursements Itemized:

Jurisdiction School of Missions	$ 141.80
Jurisdiction Weekend	17.50
Conference Guild Weekend	771.60
Division Cultivation	10.87
Guild Coaching Conference	72.55
Jurisdiction Cultivation	108.70
Officers Expense	116.02
Annual Meeting	549.22
	$1,788.26

This is to certify that we have examined the financial statements of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, Louisiana Conference, for the period from May 18, 1960 to May 20, 1961, prepared by Mrs. Herbert C. Loyd, Conference Treasurer.

During the examination we reconciled the bank accounts with the balances shown on the report. We also reviewed the records from which the report was prepared.

In our opinion, the financial statement prepared by Mrs. Loyd, correctly presents the financial transactions for the period May 18, 1960 to May 20, 1961, and the cash balance as of May 20, 1961.

ARMSTRONG AND ARMSTRONG
Certified Public Accountants

CHILDREN'S WORK

Mrs. R. R. Cahal, Secretary

There have been significant gains this year in many phases of our work with children. An excellent example of this is the wonderful progress made by our District Secretaries in promoting missionary education of children in their respective districts. In addtion, the cooperative programming by the District Secretaries and Directors of Chidlren's Work has strengthened our program to the extent that more local secretaries are taking training courses and working in the Church School program. Furthermore, there has been an increase in additional sessions and in the amount of money given through the Children's Service Fund.

Our gains this year are the result of providing ample training opportunities for our children's workers. District seminars for presenting our recommended materials and the training of leaders for additional sessions have been held in all districts. The additional sessions provide opportunities for doing the extra things you often want to do with children. These experiences in learning will give them a wider vision of world service and friendship.

Our boys and girls have been learning this year about the translation, printing and distribution of the Bible. Both primary and junior boys and girls found new adventures in these exciting studies. Another interesting study offered this year was "Good News to Share," which gave our boys and girls the opportunity of learning the history and locations of our missions, as well as the beginning of our own Church.

Good foundations are being established to carry forward our program of Missionary Education of Children in the Methodist Church. We must keep prepared to meet new challenges as they arise in order to serve the needs of our children in this changing world. They must be made to have a sense of security and a feeling of belonging in order to develop Christian attitudes of good will and sincere respect for others.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That a qualified secretary of children's work be elected in every Woman's Society of Christian Service stressing her responsibility to the children of her church and community.
2. That we inspire the women of each society with the importance of children's work because . . .
   (a) It is during the formative years in the lives of children that the foundations for choosing a Christian vocation are laid.
   (b) Missionary education is a part of the total program of religious education in the Methodist Church.
   (c) They need to be concerned about each boy and girl in our church and those outside the church.
3. That we continue to urge . . .
   (a) Secretaries to take advantage of all training opportunities, workshops, leadership schools, and laboratory schools.
   (b) Cooperative working with Conference and District Boards of Education and local commissions on education.
   (c) Displays of children's material at all meetings of the Woman's Society, Conference and District, with regular reports to the local society.
   (d) More time and space given to children's missionary material at the District Seminars.
   (e) Continuance of the promotion of additional sessions in each local church and the use of the remittance blanks for the offerings.
   (f) All Secretaries to work more closely with the home . . . planning parent cooperation in every venture.

The above recommendations will be accomplished through the fellowship of prayer for children and for workers with children.

May we also keep in mind that children are in a changing world and need to feel the security of our church.

CHRISTIAN SOCIAL RELATIONS

Mrs. J. B. Mouton, Sr., Secretary

Peace in the World and **Freedom for all Mankind** are the issues confronting the church in this new decade and make more urgent the need for understanding the rapidly changing social order within our nation and around the world.

Our silent voices and static attitudes have witnessed our failure to understand the relationship between our **basic Christian beliefs** and our **Christian responsibilities** and this has influenced the breakdown of the Family entity which is the basic unit of civilization. The Department of Christian Social Relations is now joined in this concern with the Board of Christian Social Concerns of the church and together we seek to move out into all areas of tension and need with united power and love. We must seek to bring our attitudes in line with the teachings of Jesus before we can make any positive contribution to the world situation. We must bring people in greater numbers into the opportunities for learning the techniques of procedure offered through Schools of Missions, Briefing Conferences, Seminars and Study Classes which reach into the local church. This has been an important activity of the past year and will continue through the quadrennium:

The three divisions of these combined departments and some of the cooperation given are: 1. **Peace and World Order.** Attendance at United Nations Seminar and the subsequent dissemination of information through the Conference. 2. **Temperence and General Welfare.** 75 study classes on "Alcohol and Christian Responsibility." 3. **Human Relations and Economic Affairs.** In this division is encompassed the race issue as we know it in Louisiana. Despite the "anti picture" we have managed to present so forcefully, there is at work the Spirit of God in hearts of individuals that is gradually breaking down these tragic attitudes and prejudices in man. One outstanding example this year was the Forum held in New Orleans at the request of parents relative to the school sittuation This was arranged by Mrs Harkess, Secretary of CSR, when she brought together members of the School Board, Attorneys and others for discussion of this problem. There are many more instances which space will not permit telling but through our assumption of Christian Responsibility in these areas and our concern for "All Families in a World of Rapid Change," we will go forward bringing a more abundant life to all people.

Financial Statement — Christian Social Relations
1960-61

United Nations Seminar in New York		$206.09
LOSL Meetings — 1 in New Orleans, 2 in Baton Rouge		19.42
LOSL Membership		25.00
Annual Meeting of La. Moral & Civic Foundation in Baton Rouge		6.18
Telegrams & Telephone		8.23
Briefing Conference at Mt. Sequoyah		40.76
Promotional Material:		
Tape Recording	$ 2.50	
Pamphlets	1.00	
Subscription to Concern-2 yrs.	6.00	
	$ 9.50	9.50
TOTAL		$315.18

RECOMMENDATIONS

The issues confronting the Church at the beginning of this new decade make more urgent the need for understanding the rapidly changing social order within our nation and throughout the world. The issues are **Peace in the World** and **Freedom for all Mankind.**

Too often our hushed voices and faltering steps to action have been symptoms of our failure to understand the relationship between our Basic Christian Beliefs and our Christian Responsibilities.

The following recommendations are made for your guidance in promoting these concepts in the coming year through the Department of Christian Social Relations:

1. Understanding the relationship between the Department of Christian Social Relations of the Woman's Society and the Board of Christian Social Concerns of the Church by attending the institutes, seminars, training schools which will be offered jointly by the two boards. Through this education the activation of this tremendous project of the Methodist Church will be made possible.
2. As a part of the Woman's Division of Christian Social Relations we cooperate with the Board of Christian Social Concerns in its three divisions of emphasis, namely:
   (a) Peace and World Order
   (b) Temperance and General Welfare
   (c) Human Relations and Economic Affairs
3. A "Seminar In Miniature" on the "Family In a World of Rapid Social Change" in every local church.
4. Assumption of Christian Citizenship through active participation in the legislative issues confronting our Federal, State and Local governing bodies.

LITERATURE AND PUBLICATIONS

Mrs. Warren M. Orr, Secretary

Conference and Jurisdiction Secretaries of Literature and Publications across our land gathered as guests of Literature Headquarters in May. We met there with the members of the Woman's Division Editorial and Publications Staffs, that we might mutually share the magnitude of their task in editing, printing and promoting the power of the printed word to present Jesus Christ as Lord! These Christian co-laborers have committed their lives and talents to share the treasure of the unsearchable riches of Christ! I hope you have met a modern Methodist Saint in the May Issue of the World Outlook in the "Tribute Overdue" to Mrs. C. C. Long of Cincinnati. What a debt of gratitude we owe to the leadership of the Womans Division!

As Methodist Women, we have had a deep spiritual rebirth, and the only way to accept a gift so costly is to share it. We pledge our Time, Talents, Gifts and Service to bring healing to a world in desperate need to know God's love, and through our Literature and Publications, we learn how our work and workers around the world are fulfilling these situations. No one is more guilty of the gap between proclamation and performance (Methodist Woman, May, 1960) than myself. Will you join me in making a Woman's Society New Year's Resolution to close that gap, and wake up and read the wealth of excellent material available? Begin with the **21st Annual Report of the Woman's Division** and the New Program Book!

You, as secretary of Literature and Publications, have a unique contribution to make as The Resource Person in your society. You must be a Reader and a Leader to alert every Methodist Woman to have a "World Outlook" and Lift visions continually to "Our Mission Today," seeking to serve in The Household of God!

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Every Society elect a secretary of Literature and Publications or assign her duties to some officer.

2. Each local secretary:
   (a) Be prompt in handling materials sent the society through her.
   (b) Use the Subscription Record Book with its account number, and keep it as an accurate record to pass on. Contact Literature Headquarters if society has none.
   (c) Make herself an invaluable asset to the program committee of which she is a member.

3. **Local, District and Conference Secretaries:**
   (a) Recognize that the purpose of the Literature is to strengthen the total mission program of the church.
   (b) Secure and use a combination subscription to **The Methodist Woman AND World Outlook.**
   (c) Study and restudy the **Handbook** on **Literature and Publications** and the report blanks.
   (d) Consult the back of **The Methodist Woman** each month and pass on information about new materials to each officer.
   (e) Constantly work for subscribers to **The Methodist Woman** and **World Outlook** with special emphasis during stated campaigns.
   (f) Report fully on time.

4. **District and Conference Secretaries:**
   (a) Assume full responsibility for ordering, displaying, and selling Literature at Schools, Seminars and Annual Meetings. (This service can be enhanced by contacting teachers and leaders for their suggestions before ordering.)
   (b) Study and analyse each report and send suggestions for improvements.

MISSIONARY EDUCATION

Mrs. Wideman Watson, Secretary

Making Christ known through Missionary Education continues as we study the needs of the world. Each approved study class should mean changed attitudes, one's spiritual life deepened, a great concern for the people of the world, and a desire to do something to alleviate the needs of the world.

We must continue to give special attention to promoting Libraries, Reading Circles, and Efficiency Classes to take the place of No-Standard classes.

Each secretary should make an intensified effort to attend our Conference School of Missions and Christian Service, and our Educational Seminars.

For our 1960 School of Missions, our total enrollment was 334. This figure included delegates, teachers, guests and visitors. Class enrollment was 305 with 276 credits, clinic enrollment 285, churches represented 113, and literature sales amounted to to $1208.69. The missionary offering was $173.25 and was equally divided between the Study Projects assigned to the South Central Jurisdiction.

Worship Settings related to each monthly program for 1960-61 were on display throughout the week. These were prepared by Mrs. Joe Bond and Mrs. T. A. Pitt.

A Day Nursery at a local city Church was provided for children under 12 years of age. 62 children from 9 different churches attended.

Total number of persons attending Educational Seminars 1286.

Jurisdiction Recognition Credits

1960 - 1961

District	First Period			Second Period			TOTALS		
	W.S.C.S.	W.S.G.	Total	W.S.C.S.	W.S.G.	Total	W.S.C.S.	W.S.G.	Total
Alexandria	9	5	14	30	11	41	39	16	55
Baton Rouge	8	5	13	32	6	38	40	11	51
Lafayette	6	1	7	25	7	32	31	8	39
Lake Charles	5	3	8	20	3	23	25	6	31
Monroe	5	2	7	15	7	22	20	9	29
New Orleans	7	2	9	30	6	36	37	8	45
Ruston	2	1	3	20	6	26	22	7	29
Shreveport	9	4	13	20	8	28	29	12	41
TOTALS	51	23	74	192	54	246	243	77	320

Number of Efficiency classes 18.
Classes not meeting either Jurisdiction or Efficiency standards 355.
Total number of classes 693 and total enrolled membership 9869.

1961 SCHOOL OF MISSIONS AND CHRISTIAN SERVICE CENTENARY COLLEGE, SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA

August 7-11, 1961

Dean: Mrs. C. B. McGowan
Assistant Dean: Mrs. M. R. Tatum
Chairman: Mrs. Wideman Watson
Registrar: Mrs. J. T. Eubank
Secretary: Mrs. E. B. Miller

Courses and Instructors:

Churches for New Times
Mrs. Grafton Thomas, Searcy, Arkansas
Miss Jane Stentz, New York City

The Christian and Responsible Citizenship
Mrs. Earl D. Cotton, Little Rock, Arkansas
Mrs. G. W. Pomeroy, Monroe, La.

The Christian Mission in Latin American Countries
Dr. Irma Highbough, Coffeyville, Kansas
Mrs. Clothilde Nanez, San Antonio, Texas

The Meaning of Suffering
Mrs. G. W. Dameron, Pineville, La.
Miss Ethelene Sampley, Fort Pierce, Fla.
Dr. Lindsey Pherigo, Kansas City, Mo.

Resource Persons:
Miss Mary Sue Brown, Waco, Texas

Clinics:

President, Vice-President, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, Secretaries of: Christian Social Relations, Missionary Education and Service, Promotion, Spiritual Life, Wesleyan Service Guild, Children's Work, Supply Work, Wesleyan Service Guild Chairmen: Christian Social Relations, Missionary Education, Spiritual Life.

Bible Hour:

Mrs. W. W. Paxton, Lake Charles, La.

RECOMMENDATIONS

WE RECOMMEND:

1. That each Secretary of Missionary Education be chosen with special consideration given to personal commitment and aptitude for creating interest in mission centered programs and approved study courses.

2. That an intensified effort be made to get into the Conference School of Missions the officers, secretaries and chairmen of lines of work in the pattern of attendance for 1961.

3. That each District Secretary of Missionary Education consider carefully the number of secretaries as compared to the number reporting looking toward "A report from each secretary each reporting period."

4. That each District Secretary of Missionary Education be aware of the importance of securing a report from District Chairman of Missionary Education of Wesleyan Service Guild each reporting period.

5. That there be close cooperation between secretary of Missionary Education and secretary of Missionary Service thus keeping contacts with Home and Foreign field personalities, students and visitors from other lands.

6. That we maintain the goal of an approved study each quarter plus cooperation in the Church-wide study promoted by the Commission on Missions.

7. That each secretary work toward an increase in the number of classes meeting Jurisdiction and Efficiency standards.

8. That continued use be made of films, film strips and slides which tie in with the current study courses.

9. That each secretary maintain and use the current officer file including the new Handbook, Annual Report of Woman's Division, Annual Report of Conference Woman's Society, The Methodist Woman and World Outlook.

10. That we press toward the achievement of the total missionary program by close cooperation with other officers in program planning, action and evaluation.

MISSIONARY SERVICE

Mrs. Robley W. Davis, Secretary

This Secretary sent Christmas and birthday greetings in your name to each of the sixty-five missionaries, deaconesses and workers on our mailing list.

There is a change in relaying the news from the missionaries to the local society. Instead of the Missionary Minute used the past two years, we now publish the excerpts from the letters from the missionaries in the Conference News. They are to be used as before in presenting the Missionary Minute.

Our tool kit includes a new Handbook for this quadrennium, new "Do You Know?" booklets — Home and Foreign — our own Conference News, and the new four-page list of Missionaries, Deaconesses and Workers from Louisiana, or serving within our conference. This list was distributed in the packets for delegates to Annual Meeting, or by your District Secretary of Promotion if you had no delegate.

For the coming year we have divided the names on the above named list between the eight districts, and assigned one or more of them to each local society. This is to help fulfill recommendations four and five below. The missionaries love to hear from us, but we must encourage them to feel no obligation to answer us; otherwise our means of giving them happiness can become burdensome just for lack of time.

RECOMMENDATIONS

If we are to "Turn the Key — Unlock the door to Missions," local societies should:

1. Seek more and better ways to use the missionary information found in The Methodist Woman, World Outlook and our own Conference News;
2. Aid in the recruitment effort by sharing the need contained in missionaries' letters with every department of every local church (75 new Deaconesses by the 75th Anniversary in 1963 being the goal);
3. Study the "21st Annual Report," the new "Do You Know?" booklets;
4. Uphold the efforts of the missionaries by regular correspondence and personal courtesies (greetings on special days and their birthdays), remembering especially those who have been assigned to your local society;
5. Undergird the work of every missionary and mission station with prayer.

MISSIONARY PERSONNEL

Mrs. G. W. Dameron, Secretary

The most encouraging sign on the Missionary Personnel horizon is the growing awareness of the importance of confronting the entire Church—adults and youth—with the philosophy of Christian Vocation and the appeal for Church-related vocations. The needs in all types of jobs remain urgent, but in these tense and critical days, the gaps in our missionary ranks are alarming. This year, 1961, the Board of Missions is listing 346 specific openings for regular, overseas missionaries, 269 of which are under the Woman's Division. The number of workers needed by the Woman's Division in the Home Field is almost unlimited. In addition, the Board of Missions needs 110 special term missionaries this year.

Names of young people who have indicated an interest in Church-related vocations are sent in slowly and irregularly. Yet, they come! This year the Secretary of Missionary Personnel was able to provide the Conference Commission on Christian Vocations with the names of 157 young people—practically all of college age—for additional contact and cultivation. If names of interested youth are to be secured regularly and systematically, continued education is needed at two points: (1) emphasis on the importance of an active Committee on Christian Vocations in every local Church, and (2) emphasis on the responsibility of the Secretary of Youth Work in the local Society to secure and send names of youth interested in a church-related vocation to the District Secretary of Missionary Personnel.

Seven young women and one young man attended the Youth Section of the Missionary Conference at Mt. Sequoyah in August, 1960. This was the first year the Louisiana Conference had filled its quota. These young people spoke

enthusiastically of the enriching experiences that had come to them as they had personal contact with missionaries, and as they learned about the great missionary outreach of The Methodist Church. The delegates and the districts they represented were:

Kayla Ann Barnard, Alexandria District
Ethel Tycer, Baton Rouge District
Edward Bulloch, Lake Charles District
Betty Hines, Monroe District
Sallie Mysing, New Orleans District
Judith Tucker, New Orleans District
Jamie Ruth Mays, Ruston District
Fane Bussie, Shreveport District

Miss Kathleen Gates, Pollock, La., (Alexandria District) was the Louisiana Conference delegate to the Christian Vocations Weekend at National College in Kansas City. She reported a most rewarding experience in personal growth, clarification of purpose, and Christian fellowship.

The Secretaries of Youth Work, Student Work, and Missionary Personnel presented, as their report to the Annual Meeting in Lake Charles, a quartet of young people, who represented the Wesley Foundation on the college campus, the Methodist Youth Fellowship in the local Church, and interests in missionary service. The dedication, forth-rightness, and Christian concern of these young people were a challenge to all who heard them.

The Youth Banquet at Annual Meeting was attended by 160 young people and their adult leaders. Miss Ann Ruth Jones, former A-3, was the guest speaker, and, by the testimony of her own experience, challenged the youth to dedicate their lives to the service of the Church.

The Standing Committee on Missionary Personnel held its annual meeting during the School of Missions in August, 1960. Plans were made for cooperation with the Deaconess Board in promoting the sale of the Deaconess Place Mats and in other Board activities as the members were needed. Committees were appointed to prepare suggestions for programs on Christian Vocations and Recruitment to be used in sub-district youth groups and in zone meetings.

It is our hope and prayer that, with a growing awareness of, and concern for, the program of Missionary Personnel, the Louisiana Conference Woman's Society will soon reach its goal of one accepted worker per year per district.

RECOMMENDATIONS

IT IS RECOMMENDED:

1. That, since Recruitment and Vocational Interests will be given special consideration by the Church in the spring-summer-fall period of 1962, the emphasis on Recruitment in at least one meeting of each Zone be continued in 1961-62.
2. That Secretaries of Missionary Personnel, in cooperation with District Secretaries of Youth and Student Work, make specific plans to see that the needs and opportunities in Church related vocations are presented at least one time during the year to local, sub-district, and district M.Y.F. groups and to student groups on college campuses and/or in local churches.
3. That Secretaries of Missionary Personnel work with local Societies and Guild Units and with Local Committees on Christian Vocations to see that the adult membership of the Church is confronted with the philosophy of Christian Vocation and the challenge of Church related vocations. This can be done by special talks, appeals from Missionaries, the use of visual aids, distribution of printed materials, sermons, and through teaching.

PROMOTION

Mrs. B. F. Patterson, Jr., Secretary

ANNUAL REPORT

1960 - 1961

Organization	Alexandria	Baton Rouge	Lafayette	Lake Charles	Monroe	New Orleans	Ruston	Shreveport	Conference TOTALS
No. Societies	39	60	29	30	46	39	37	46	326
Net Gain	1	—3	1	0	—5	—1	0	—1	—8
District 100% Organized	*			*		*			3
No. Unorganized Churches	0	12	5	0	6	0	4	1	28
Districts 100% Reporting	1,2		1,2	1	2	1,2	1,2	1,2	75%
New Members W.S.C.S.	62	79	70	101	56	209	77	144	778
New District Members	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	3
Total District Members	39	0	3	8	11	24	35	14	134
Total Membership W.S.C.S.	1140	2043	1181	1419	1763	1774	1555	2706	13581
Net Gain	—32	13	13	44	11	21	25	—46	127
No. W.S.G. Units	11	16	5	15	15	16	11	20	109
Net Gain	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	3
Membership, W.S.G.	253	335	105	285	302	287	257	348	2172

Conference Totals for Years	1959-60	1960-61	Net Gain
Number Societies	334	326	—8
Number Unorganized Churches	21	28	—7
Membership, W.S.C.S.	13583	13447	—136
District Members	121	124	3
Total W.S.C.S Membership	13704	13581	—123
Number W.S.G. Units	106	109	3
Membership, W.S.G.	2172	2172	—

RECOMMENDATIONS

IT IS RECOMMENDED:

1. That during the years of 1961 and 1962 training for local officers and secretaries of lines of work follow the conference schools of Missions and Christian Service.
2. That the Executive Committee of each local Woman's Society of Christian Service and Wesleyan Service Guild have a depth study of the Women constituency of the local church and community with relation to membership in the Woman's Society and Wesleyan Service Guild, this study to begin September 1, 1961, and culminate with Epiphany, January 6, 1962.

3. That each local society have an active Committee on Membership, using the Service Activity Cards to assist in seeking a place of service and responsibility for women in the local church.
4. That "Coming of Age" parties or observances be held during 1961, as a means of honoring charter members and welcoming new members.
5. That we encourage such activities of cultivation and fellowship which will strengthen the local church.
6. That promotion of "My World Bank" and other means of financial increase be made, in cooperation with the Finance Committee.
7. That we continue to make every effort to secure organization of a Woman's Society in every church; wherever such organization is not feasible, that efforts to secure District Members be made.
8. That we keep 100% reporting as our goal.
9. That good use of information sources be made — such as the Promotion pages of the Methodist Woman, The Promotion Handbook, "A Guide," the Twenty-First Annual Report — in order to lift the quality of our service.
10. That we seek complete dedication of purpose as we would endeavor to fulfill "Our Mission Today."

ALEXANDRIA DISTRICT

Mrs. S. E. Richardson, President

Mrs. Kathleen Waggoner, Secretary of Promotion

We have just finished a most rewarding series of Leadership Training opportunities in our spring zone meetings. Program, finance, and membership committees were studied in detail by three rotating groups, so that those present had a total picture of the work of the Woman's Society. A fourth group composed of Secretaries of Children's Work, Youth Work, and Student Work met to study their relationship to Missionary Personnel and Missionary Education in the Methodist Church. The need for training was evidenced by the splendid attendance of all but six societies in the district. A Book Room was provided at each zone meeting and $64.40 was collected for handbooks, guides, prayer calendars, annual reports and other material. Much free literature was distributed.

Our district has continued to show a gain in membership, with 135 new ones having been added this year, even though we are not an industrial center. However, in clearing the rolls, a number have been lost for various causes. A new society was organized at Belah which has enjoyed a 25% increase in membership.

Financially, our pledge has been over-paid and all obligations met. More of our Youth have pledged to MYF fund than ever before, but the Children's Service Fund Remittance Blanks have not been used by all who have had additional sessions.

An exceptionally fine Seminar, with 127 in attendance, was held in the Pineville Methodist Church in September. Children's workers met on the same day to learn of their missionary material also. Another outstanding District Meeting was held in Haas Memorial Methodist Church at Bunkie, with Mrs. W. B. Landrum, who itinerated this Conference as guest speaker.

Program planning has resulted in the observance of more special days and action from studies and programs. Most societies participated in Week of Prayer and Self Denial programs. Many use the Prayer Calendar and lovely worship settings regularly.

May God give us "A Faith That Compels Us" to find a more devoted loyalty to each of the purposes of our Woman's Society of Christian Service.

BATON ROUGE DISTRICT

Mrs. T. Luster James, President

Mrs. W. A. Ragan, Secretary of Promotion

Looking back over our "heritage" makes the future a greater challenge for the sixty Woman's Societies and 16 Wesleyan Service Guilds in the Baton Rouge District. Two new Guilds were organized this year.

An excellent job of promotion was accomplished by the officers in 53 societies who were represented at either zone, district or conference meetings and 27 individuals from 14 societies were present at the School of Missions. Probably, our most spiritually enriching and inspiring program was brought by Mrs. W. W. Paxton at our "Day Apart" with an attendance of 140. The district officers held officers' training clinics at the spring zone meeting in which the five zones were combined into two and 38 societies had representatives in attendance.

The circulating library of Missionary Education and Service circulated 75 study and supplementary books; one film strip "The World in A Word" was used five times. Thirty-four courses were taken for Jurisdiction credit and one for efficiency credit. A course was given in the Organization and Operation of a Church Library for five weeks in which eight people were present.

Thirty-six young people availed themselves of the privilege of going on the Mission Tour and visited the projects in South Louisiana that are under the direction of the Woman Division. Children and Youth Work Clinics were held at the same time as the fall Educational Seminar.

Due to the large number of Special Memberships being presented in the district, we were able to overpay our pledge to missions. The supply askings were paid in full.

We have had a slight gain in membership. Two new churches are in the process of being organized in the Baton Rouge Area, and we are looking forward to the time when they are ready to organize Woman's Societies.

As we review our work we find many things to rejoice over and we look forward with joy and anticipation to another year. We join our prayers and our love with the other seven districts in Louisiana, that we might truly be dedicated women in fulfilling "Our Mission Today, and Bringing to Bear on all Human Life the Spirit and Principles of Christ."

LAFAYETTE DISTRICT

Mrs. M. Eloi Girard, President

Mrs. P. D. Lambert, Secretary of Promotion

In many ways this has been a rewarding year, with the District and Local Officers reporting much done in promoting the work of the Woman's Society of Christian Service. Mrs. Girard and Mrs. George Thomas had the privilege of organizing societies at Golden Meadow and at Patterson, bringing our total to 29 societies, and 5 Guilds, with a membership of 1285, a gain of 20 members.

Our pledge and supply askings were overpaid again this year.

This year has been one of many fine meetings to inspire and instruct officers and members: a well-planned Seminar that resulted in an increased interest in study and programs; 4 Fall Zone meetings featuring a study of the Louisiana Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service Annual Report; our Annual Meeting in Lake Charles gave an opportunity for inspiration and information to 29 attendants; our own District Meeting provided a broader view of our whole field of work with Mrs. W. B. Landrum as the speaker; District Officers were much helped by their Conference Officers at Alexandria; and at 4 Spring Zone Meetings, emphasis on new literature and Officer Training, given by the District Officers, reached 205 of our Local Officers.

We go into a new year with several goals before us: better programs, more studies, greater increase in membership, a society in every church—and where possible—a Guild, and a deepening spiritual experience through service.

LAKE CHARLES DISTRICT

Mrs. A. J. McGrede, President

Mrs. J. Glenn Williams, Secretary of Promotion

For the on-going and up-building of God's Kingdom, the Lake Charles District has sent to missions $2,793.77 above its pledge. For the first time since the air base started its closing down activities, our membership is showing a net increase. The increased number of prayer groups show we are continuing to grow spiritually, also.

There have been several firsts in the Lake Charles District this year. The first half-day district meeting was received well in that attendance was excellent. Also well attended was our first combined zone meeting for the purpose of officer training. In an effort to stay 100 per cent organized, we have borne our first circuit society to be known as the Moss Bluff-Eastwood Woman's Society of Christian Service. Our district members will soon be receiving subscriptions of "The Methodist Woman" paid for out of the cultivation fund.

Plans are underway for extensive visitation to local societies by teams of district officers. We feel that we will be better able to meet the needs of the local woman by this closer contact.

As we look to the new year our prayer is for a new vision and a new love, new wisdom and fresh understanding; and that the message of Christ may be hailed as the good news for the new age.

MONROE DISTRICT

Mrs. A. H. Harper, President

Mrs. S. B. Dampier, Secretary of Promotion

The Monroe District Woman's Society of Christian Service has had a prosperous year. Even though some of our Societies have had to disband, we still have 46 societies. We have lost some members, but 1857 wonderful women are still working hard to meet all of our goals. There are 11 district members that strive to keep their Churches in touch with our mission program.

The fall zone meetings were well attended. Our District Secretary of Missionary Personnel planned the program for each zone, emphasizing "Christian Vocations."

Our Seminar was very good. A large number of ladies were present to hear our program material and studies presented. This year we added another feature. The Secretaries of Youth and Children's Work presented the Mission studies for children and youth. This proved very valuable, for some people had never understood our full mission study program. Over 200 women came to our Spring District Meeting. Mrs. W. B. Landrum inspired all present with her talk and the officers gave challenging reports, asking each person, "What is Your Verdict of the Woman's Society of Christian Service?"

The Quadrennial Goals and other interesting features of the Woman's Society were used at our Spring Zone Meetings.

Officer's training has been planned for June 23rd.

Through the loyalty of the women of the Monroe District, we can proudly say that our pledge to Missions was again overpaid.

No greater reward can anyone have than to come to the end of the years' work with every society reporting and showing an interest in our great work. God does not say that our road will be easy, but he promises victory for those who strive to do His will. We pray God's richest blessings on each and every one as we heed God's Call to Witness and Service.

NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT

Mrs. Carl Gallaher, President

Mrs. J. E. Manis, Secretary of Promotion

The thirty nine societies with 1750 members have accepted the challenge of "Our Mission Today" and we welcome a gain of twenty one new members to help accomplish this task. All annual reports help us to see the progress made in all lines of work even in the smallest Society. More concentrated, well planned programs and studies have inspired young women to become participating members. A re-dedication of time, service, talents and finances has been evident throughout the year. The thrill of hearing that our pledge to Missions was overpaid has spurred all the District Officers to better planning and they are immediately seeking dates for various workshops and special days to be held during the coming year. Membership has been first on our want list but a program of "who we are, what we are doing, and where we are going" was presented at every opportunity. The many Anniversary celebrations made all members aware that our heritage has been deeply rooted and has been built on a solid foundation that will uphold unlimited expansion. New Horizons have been shown in children's work; the need of Christian workers has been presented to more youth and students; the necessity of better Christian community living and Christian interest in State and National affairs are increasingly evident. A more united effort for representation and participation of Society members on all local church committees was accomplished and more ways of local church activities are being introduced. The past year found the Woman's Society and Wesleyan Service Guild working and planning together as never before. "The Word" has been "In Our Midst" and members lift their hearts in prayer for the blessings that God has bestowed upon us and join hands in accepting the challenge to be of greater service for the Glory of God another year in the New Orleans District Woman's Society of Christian Service.

RUSTON DISTRICT

Mrs. L. K. Wells, President

Mrs. L. C. Aycock, Secretary of Promotion

Progress and improvement have been evident in all phases of the year's work in Ruston District. There has been an increasing awareness of the purpose and challenge of the Woman's Society of Christian Service. This has been reflected in greatly improved program planning which has resulted in a substantial increase in attendance at all meetings—local, zone, and district. The year's report also shows an encouraging increase in membership.

Literature sales have increased materially. Officer Training has been presented in various ways on all levels, including a sketch, based on "What's My Line?," and a creative hat review, both of which illustrated the duties of officers and secretaries. Promotion of the general program, including the Quadrennial Goals, has been covered adequately at each of the eight zone meetings held during the year. Four well-organized zones have aided in the improvement of the quality of our work.

Recruitment has been emphasized. Ruston District's delegate to the Missionary Conference at Mt. Sequoyah was presented at Seminar and in local societies. Contact is maintained, and encouragement given to several young people who are preparing for church-related vocations. Danny Steere, Ruston, will enter Perkins Theological Seminary this fall as a ministerial student.

The Officers' Visitation program has done much to strengthen the District. Every local society was visited by one or more members of the District Executive Committee during the year. Missionary giving has been emphasized, resulting in a large increase in the number of special memberships presented during the year. There is a clearer understanding of the use of the pledge dollar.

Three new societies are in the final steps of organization, and will be a welcome addition to the thirty-seven societies now making up the district. Together, with the aid of every local woman, and the continued consecrated efforts of each district officer and secretary, we shall go forward as we strive to fulfill God's purpose for us as Methodist women.

SHREVEPORT DISTRICT

Mrs. J. L. Saxon, President

Mrs. W. D. Snelling, Secretary of Promotion

The Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Shreveport District has 46 Societies, 14 District Members, making a total of 2,704 members; 17 Wesleyan Service Guilds with 320 members.

The Quadrennial Emphases were presented by societies at our Fall Zone meetings. Seminar was held at First Methodist Church at Vivian, Louisiana. The Children and Youth Workshop was conducted at the same time. Miss Fane Bussie, our Youth Delegate to Mt. Sequoyah, spoke to our Seminar and to other groups. We were happy to have Miss Betty Ruth Goode as guest speaker, for a morning coffee, to speak to a group of student and youth secretaries and district secretary of Missionary Personnel on Deaconess work.

Annual Conference at Lake Charles was well attended from the Shreveport District. To complete the shape of the Woman's Society Emblem, we had the privilege to report 100% ever since Districts were organized 15 years ago.

Two hundred and fifty three members registered for Annual District Meeting at North Highlands Church. Mrs. W. B. Landrum brought an inspiring message and we are proud to be a part of this great organization. Leadership Training was held under the direction of the District Officers.

Due to deaths and tranfers we show a loss of 54 members throughout the District. Several societies have re-organized and are working harder to interest the women of the church to join and participate in the total program. Our study of the Annual Report gave members a better understanding of the Purpose of the Woman's Society of Christian Service. We met and overpaid our pledge to Missions.

Concerted effort was made to have District Officers visit all societies in the district and we felt that it benefited in many ways. This gave a better understanding and made for closer cooperation between the local woman and her District officer.

This has been a rewarding four years working with Christian women and we pray that we will continue to serve and to witness for our Lord.

SPIRITUAL LIFE

Mrs. T. Haller Jackson, Secretary

Because of the fact that Spiritual Life Cultivation, by its very nature, deals largely with intangibles, concrete reporting in this line of work is always difficult. We are in the cultivating business, so essential to growth. We are always vitally interested in the process of becoming better and more mature Christians.

To this end we must ever be alert and cooperative in assisting to enrich the spiritual life of the entire church, especially the women, through vital experiences in prayer, study, personal and corporate worship, witnessing, sharing and service.

It is encouraging to note the increased understanding of the responsibility and opportunities facing the secretaries of Spiritual Life and their committees. It is encouraging also to note the results of this, reflected in better reports.

The study of Basic Christian Beliefs has been an unusually challenging and rewarding study. It has proven valuable in helping us to analyze and clarify our own deepest personal beliefs, to better comprehend "the faith that compels us."

There is an increased awareness of our need for more prayer. Therefore, in keeping with the resolution adopted by the General Conference, in Denver, designating these four years as a "quadrennium of prayer," your Standing Committee has this year stressed prayer, lifting as real and meaningful opportunities: a personal, daily quiet time; family devotions; prayer partnerships, groups, and chains; the use of the Prayer Calendar; the Fellowship of Intercession; observance of the Week of Prayer and Self-Denial; participation in the World Day of Prayer; and, above all, living a life of prayer.

The dominant desire of our women all over the Louisiana Conference appears to be for growth in the attributes of the Spirit.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Believing that cultivation is essential to growth in Christlikeness, we recommend that:

1. Every Woman's Society of Christian Service and Wesleyan Service Guild elect a Secretary of Spiritual Life and Chairman of Spiritual Life, respectively.
2. Each Secretary seek always to serve better as an officer:
   (a) In constant fellowship with Christ, seeking to "know Him more clearly, love Him more dearly, follow Him more nearly."
   (b) Using every means and opportunity offered by her church to help better equip her for her work.
   (c) Having an active Committee on Spiritual Life with whom she shares privileges and responsibilities.
   (d) Reporting fully and on time each period to her District Secretary of Spiritual Life.
3. The Secretary and her committee evidence a special concern for a growing Christlikeness in the entire life of the church, especially in its women:
   (a) Setting up a Calendar of activities to meet local needs, guided in general by suggestions on the Spiritual Life page in The Methodist woman.
   (b) Offering continual opportunities for spiritual experiences and growth, stressing: daily, personal, family and group devotions; use of the Prayer Calendar; association in prayer groups and chains, and as prayer partners; suggesting helpful materials.
   (c) Planning (begin early) to observe the Week of Prayer and Self-Denial in a meaningful manner.
   (d) Assisting the Nominating Committee by praying for the selection and election of officers in the Woman's Society and Guild.
4. The Secretary represent her committee in working on the Committee on Program:
   (a) Assisting in planning the Society's program, with particular concern and responsibility for the Spiritual Life Study, but including other studies and the entire program, with the aim of making all real experiences in spiritual growth.
   (b) Presenting suggested dates and plans for the observance of Times Apart, Quiet Days and Retreats.
   (c) Planning seasonal observances, such as Week of Prayer, World Day of Prayer and Lent.
   (d) Seeing that time is allowed for presentation of Spiritual Life materials and work, such as Fellowship of Intercession, Ministry to shut-ins and others in need, cooperation in the church program of evangelism, etc.
5. The Secretary and her committee encourage, by example, an active participation in the connectional program of the Methodist Church:

(a) Serving on Boards, Committees and Commissions on Evangelism and others.
(b) Keeping informed as to movements of the church and the times.
(c) Knowing and encouraging the reading of our church periodicals.

STUDENT WORK

Mrs. Charles H. Giessen, Secretary

The secretaries of Student Work have completed a rewarding year. As the students and young people away from home with whom they worked grew in Christian fellowship, they in turn have grown in appreciation of their place of service.

Secretaries have kept in touch with students, employed young people, and those in military service. They have endeavored to make them aware of the interest their home church has in them. They have encouraged young people to attend college. They promoted Methodist Student Day in June and Student Recognition Day in December with 100 churches observing these days. They have undergirded the program of Christian ministry among international students by welcoming them into their homes and providing financial assistance.

The secretaries near college campuses have stood willing and ready to serve. They have cooperated with Wesley Foundation Directors, assisted with banquets and parties, served meals and refreshments, provided equipment and furnishings for buildings, added books to Wesley libraries and helped finance students attending Work camps, Regional Conferences, and the 18th Ecumenical Student Conference on Christian World Missions.

An increasing number of secretaries served as members of Boards of Directors of Wesley Foundations and on committees on Christian Vocations. They channeled missionary recruitment material to the student centers and to vocational counselors on college campuses. The Secretaries of Student, Youth, and Missionary Personnel coordinated their efforts on the conference level throughout the year. The same spirit of cooperation at the district level is anticipated for the new year.

Methodism in the Louisiana Conference is ministering to our college students on 12 college campuses. Each is staffed with a director-pastor, who is fully qualified to confront the university community with the Christian Gospel. A Wesley Foundation has been established at Nicholls State College this year and plans are underway for a Foundation unit at LSU,A near Alexandria, Louisiana.

Having looked back over the work of the past year, the Secretaries of Student Work are encouraged, but not complacent. As they look toward the new year, they are mindful of the fact that if they "attempt great things for God," they can "expect great things from God."

RECOMMENDATIONS

We Recommend That:

1. The local Secretary of Student Work enlist the support of the women of the church in serving students, employed young people and military personnel making them aware of the interest their home church has in them. She shall cooperate with the Methodist Church on the campus, mail out student information cards as early as possible, and keep informed on Christian Student activities and report these to her society.
2. The local women open their homes to the many students from other lands within the bounds of our conference. Friendship established with these students who are leaders of tomorrow may make or break international relations in the future.
3. All women in the local society actively support the local church in the observance of Student Recognition Day in December and Methodist Stu-

dent Day in June for the purpose of encouraging young people to attend college and be informed and challenged to be active in the work of the church on the campus.

5. The Woman's Society at every level make it possible for one or more students to be a member of a student conference, work camp, seminar, or institute during the next year.
6. Each campus secretary, after consultation with the Wesley Foundation Director, make available to local societies in the district a list of books and periodicals that would challenge spiritual growth and which should be added to their Foundation Library. (**The Methodist Woman** and **World Outlook** should be in every library.)
7. The local secretary of Student Work be ever on the alert to find ways of cooperating with Youth and Missionary Personnel Secretaries in presenting the vocational needs of the church to all college age young people.

SUPPLY WORK

Mrs. Charles J. Tackaberry, Secretary

Our Supply Work Askings for this year were $11,873.98. We met these Askings in full by some districts overpaying, which compensated for the few who failed to meet their full responsibilities. Extra gifts, over and above the Askings, were sent to five of our institutions. The societies are to be commended for meeting their Askings first.

The total Cash and Cash Value given through Supply Work, by the Woman's Society of Christian Service ($15,825.39) and the Wesleyan Service Guild ($2030.96), for 1960-61 was $17,889.35. This was sent to 13 Home and 10 Foreign Institutions and showed an overall increase of $334.04 over last year. Of this amount $1110.70 in cash value was sent to Home Missions by the Woman's Society. There was an increase in the Value of New Materials as well as Cash to Home Missions.

Thousands of items of used clothing, packages and pounds were sent over the conference to our institutions which can use these.

Lafayette and Ruston Districts deserve honorable mention for 100% reporting this last period. This brings our percentage of reporting to 81%. It takes hard work but if TWO can do it YOU can do it! Lafayette had paid her Askings in full at the end of the first period report.

Continue to save and send Red Scissors Coupons for St. Mark's Community Center. We went over our quota of 50,000 and should receive a nice bonus for the Camp Maintenance Fund. New Orleans with 11,000, Ruston 7,500, and Baton Rouge 7,000 are leading in number of coupons sent in.

Christmas-in-August parties made it possible for our workers to do many things this year which they would otherwise not have been able to do. Continue to give our women every opportunity to share in this extra blessing.

"Walking alone, one can reach only her arms length; together we may reach around the world," as we try to lift visions, extend our fellowship and deepen our concerns.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The following recommendations will be helpful to those who do Supply Work:

WE RECOMMEND THAT:

1. The Secretary of Supply Work attend training days and send in accurate reports on time, using the Handbook as a guide for her work.
2. Local and District Secretaries deepen their spiritual lives and educate societies to a greater appreciation of the work of the Woman's Division and the need for Supply Work.

3. The needs on the Askings list be met first. Only then should contributions be made to other institutions.
4. The district secretary make a check list at least twice a year to see if the institutions on the list of Askings are receiving the necessary materials or cash as requested.
5. ALL cash for Supply Work go through the local treasurer with complete information for directing the money to the proper Asking.
6. The Secretary of Supply Work be a member of the Finance Committee on the local and district levels.
7. Each Secretary of Supply Work subscribe to the **Methodist Woman** and **World Outlook.**

YOUTH WORK

Mrs. C. R. McCammon, Secretary

One of the outstanding events of the past year was the Youth Dinner sponsored by the Louisiana Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service and held during its Annual Meeting in Lake Charles. 160 young people and workers with youth met in University Church to hear Miss Ann Ruth Jones, a former A-3, relate her experiences as a missionary in Africa and challenge young people to dedicate their lives in Christian service. Another such experience is being planned for young people in the vicinity of New Orleans during the Annual Meeting of 1962.

There has been a steady increase in the use of study materials for youth. The courses for 1961-62, "Churches for New Times" and "The Christian Mission in Latin America," should prove of real interest. For the first time, 24 young women—3 from each district—will be included in School of Missions. These high school and college girls will participate in all the activities of the School and will also have special sessions planned particularly for them.

The Area of Christian Outreach will again be presented through an interest group at Youth Assembly as it was last year. There will also be an emphasis on Christian Outreach in workshops and institutes throughout the year.

Last year, a number of districts included a seminar for workers with youth in the fall seminars. Every district will participate in this in the fall of 1961. At this time all Secretaries of Youth Work and Church-School teachers and counselors in the Youth Division will study the Friendship Press materials especially prepared for the use with young people in mission study.

Secretaries of Youth Work must assume even greater responsibility for the promotion of the MY Fund in local churches and projects for relief and reconstruction. The need is tremendous, and every gift and pledge is important.

It has been my privilege this year to work with the fine young people of Louisiana and also to participate in the Regional Workshop at Mt. Sequoyah, Arkansas with many throughout the South Central Jurisdiction.

RECOMMENDATIONS

We Recommend:

1. That the local secretaries of youth work and secretaries of student work support the program of Missionary Personnel in all its phases and report all names of young people interested in church related vocations to the District Secretary of Missionary Personnel.
2. That the Secretary of Youth Work assist each local MYF Council in planning and executing the two special mission studies for youth, **Churches for New Times** and **The Christian Mission in Latin America,** using Friendship Press materials. These special studies are to be in addition to the missionary units in Methodist Church School materials.

3. That the MYF fund be more carefully cultivated at **the special** for missionary giving by youth.
4. That the two new leaflets, **If We Gave More Dollars to the Methodist Youth Fund** and **Money on the March** be used extensively in MYF fund promotion.
5. That the committee on nominations study carefully the proper procedure for nomination of a secretary of youth work. (In **A Guide for W.S.C.S.** and in **Handbook of the M.Y.F.**)
6. That the Secretary of Youth Work, on all levels, be encouraged to participate in the training opportunities for adult workers with youth.

WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD

Miss Sue Batton, Secretary

It is gratifying to be able to bring a progress report of the work of the Wesleyan Service Guild in Louisiana Conference. We find there is a growing understanding of the **purposes** of the Wesleyan Service Guild. This is evidenced through increased giving, increased attendance at Guild meetings, and an increase in studies for Jurisdiction Credit. Better coordinated programs have strengthened our work throughout the Conference, and have caused an increase in membership and Guild Units.

We have a membership of 2172, which shows an increase. In 1960-61 we organized six (6) new Guild Units, and we now have 109 Guild Units in the Conference.

Our per capita giving is very high and a summary of Annual Report of the Treasurer will show that we paid to Missions $20,675.00; Cultivation fund $1,505.12; Week of Prayer $1,895.20; Cash for Supply work $1,675.00; Magazine and Picture Fund, which is a fund to furnish Missionaries reading material, $208.00; Supplementary Giving $985.00, and Local Church and Community Activities $5,700.00.

Our Missionary Education report shows 66 study courses for Jurisdiction Credit, and many others for non-credit, with over 1700 women participating. Four hundred and three (403) women reported reading the Methodist Woman and Three hundred ninety-eight (398) the World Outlook.

Many districts reported tours of our work in the conference, Dulac, MacDonell and Sager-Brown.

January has been designated as Guild Month in the Conference, and was celebrated with joint dinners with Woman's Society of Christian Service; several "teas" inviting employed women in the Church who are not members.

We have had many Retreats both on the district and conference levels and have organized prayer groups, and many use prayer partners.

Our Annual Spring Conference convened in Lake Charles in March, with 254 members present. Mrs. Randolph from Upper Room was our evening speaker and brought us a challenging message. We had a Missionary for our Sunday morning speaker, Miss Anniemae White, who has been in the Congo.

We have had a very successful year and accomplished many things, but we cannot slacken; there are many things yet to do.

RECOMMENDATIONS

WE RECOMMEND:

1. That each conference, district and local unit examine carefully, the prospective membership and the organization of new Guilds, to the end that both membership and the number of Guilds be increased.

2. That a specific study be made of the losses in membership and in Guilds. Why did a member drop— where did she go and what can be done to reactivate her? Why did we lose a Guild, and why so many employed women unconcerned?
3. That district officers be urged to attend the School of Missions in their Conference, for district leadership training.
4. That our programs emphasize our purpose as related to people and personnel, church, community, and world-wide situations.

Missionary Education

1. That, in the overall planning of the programs for the year, the committee make sure that each monthly program be based upon the World Mission of the Church.
2. That, whenever a unit has been represented at district, conference, jurisdiction, or other meetings, it is suggested that time be given for a full report at the next unit meeting.

Christian Social Relations

1. Incorporate into the Wesleyan Service Guild program the recommendations adopted by the standing Committee on Christian Social Relations.
2. Cooperate in, or where necessary, initiate plans for Seminars in Miniature on "The Family in a World of Rapid Social Change."

Promotion

1. Conferences take responsibility for having teams organized and trained within districts for the purpose of Guild cultivation and organization of new Guilds.
2. The District Guild Secretary be responsible for finding interested persons to serve on these teams. She shall enlist the cooperation of the District Superintendent, The District President and the District Secretary of Promotion of the Woman's Society of Christian Service in learning of churches where there is need for cultivation and for organization of Wesleyan Service Guilds.

Supply Work

1. That Guild units be urged to make their first responsibility in Supply Work giving meeting of the askings in full.
2. That we personalize Supply Work giving.
3. That we continue to increase our pledge to the total work of the Division.

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL OF MISSIONS AND CHRISTIAN SERVICE

March 18, 1960, Noel Memorial Methodist Church, Shreveport, La.

The following officers were elected for committee on School of Missions for 1961:

Dean: Mrs. J. C. Whitaker, Assistant Dean: Mrs. M. R. Tatum, Chairman: Mrs. Wideman Watson, Registrar: Mrs. J. T. Eubank, Secretary for Committee: Mrs. J. B. Mouton, Sr.

August 14, 1960, Centenary College, Shreveport, La.

The purpose of this meeting was to set up a system of registration for the school. Committee appointments were made by the Dean, Mrs. G. W. Dameron, and announcements were made.

Mrs. Tatum announced the Nursery hours, 7:30 A.M. to 12:40 P.M. at a cost of $2.50 for 5 days per child.

August 18, 1960, James Dormitory, Centenary College Shreveport, La.

Mrs. Wayne Givens reported on the Nursery that was held at the Broadmoor Methodist Church for children whose mothers were attending the School of Missions. There were 62 children enrolled in the Nursery from 9 different churches. Registration fees collected $125.00 with expenses as follows: Lunches $15.00, Snacks $5.00, Paid workers $100.00.

Since it was unlikely that Broadmoor Church would provide the Nursery in the future, Mrs. M. R. Tatum was elected chairman of a committee to make other plans. She was asked to secure the final decision from Broadmoor Church for the Mid-Year Executive Meeting.

Mrs. E. B. Miller, Secretary for School of Missions, reported an enrollment of 344 including Staff and 18 part-time attenders with 113 churches represented.

In planning for the 1961 school, the following suggestions and decisions were made. Mrs. Eubank suggested that no refunds on registration be made after a specific date and this be stated in the advance publicity and on the registration card. It was decided that no refunds be made after one week prior to the opening of the school.

Mrs. Watson was asked to send flyers relative to School of Missions to the local societies by the last of May 1961, and programs to the Instructors, Conference Executive Committee members, and District officers in the pattern of attendance by July 15, 1961.

Mrs. G. W. Dameron moved that all Conference Officers and Secretaries of Lines of Work be required to attend School of Missions at Conference expense. Mrs. Dameron further moved that a selected group of girls, to be determined by this committee, be invited to attend School of Missions and take adult instruction, except for clinics, expenses to be paid for outside School of Missions funds. It was moved by Mrs. Kilpatrick and carried that Mrs. C. R. McCammon, Secretary of Youth Work, be made counselor of this group.

Since the Board of Education cards are not adequate for our School of Missions it was suggested that we have our own printed.

A motion was approved that the Literature Room be kept open at all times and that Conference Officers in attendance, but not in the pattern of attendance, be used to assist Mrs. Warren Orr, Secretary of Literature and Publications.

Motion was made and carried to invite Mrs. Bond and Mrs. Pitt to be responsible for the Worship Settings display again for 1961 School of Missions.

Mrs. Watson announced the study courses for 1961 as follows:

The Christian Mission in Latin America
The Christian and Responsible Citizenship
Churches For New Times
The Meaning of Suffering

The motion was made and carried that the committee invite Mrs. W. W. Paxton to be the Speaker for the **Bible Hour**.

Mrs. Kilpatrick suggested that if possible, we have an instructor again next year speaking a language other than the English language, as we had this year.

It was moved and carried that the 1961 school have two sections for each course except the Spiritual Life or Bible course where three sections will be provided.

August 18, 1960, Cafeteria, Centenary College, Shreveport, La.
Evaluation of School of Missions

Mrs. G. W. Dameron, Dean, presided at the Luncheon meeting of Staff Members, Guests and the Committee on School of Missions. The purpose was to evaluate the 1961 School. Comments and recommendations were made as

follows: Show films at class sessions; eliminate free evenings; invite girls to School of Missions; use resource personnel more often; provide Library; ask instructors to send lists of books they would like included in the Library; open the Literature Room all day; require all persons living in the dormitories during the School of Missions to purchase meal tickets. The number of tickets bought will help the staff of the cafeteria in knowing the amount of food to prepare for the delegates.

October 20, 1960, St. Luke's Methodist Church, New Orleans, La.

The Chairman, Mrs. Watson, requested that each member formulate some policies for this committee. These are to be rules of procedure rather than standing rules, and are to be presented to the Conference Executive Committee in March, 1961.

Mrs. Kilpatrick, Conference President, requested that the minutes of this committee be included in the Annual Report.

Mrs. Herbert Loyd, Conference Treasurer, asked that this committee submit a budget to the Finance Committee each year. The amount allocated for the 1961 School of Missions is $1600.00, an increase of $700.00 over the 1960 fund. However, this $700.00 is not for general expense but for the additional four conference and 32 district officers to be included in the 1961 pattern of attendance to School of Missions. Budget for Jurisdiction School of Missions is $650.00.

Mrs. B. F. Patterson, Jr., reported a balance of $22.00 from the proceeds of the Nursery at the Broadmoor Methodist Church during the 1960 School of Missions. It was unanimously decided to give this balance to the Boadmoor Church since they had made no charge for utilities or janitor fees for the nursery.

Mrs. M. R. Tatum reported that Mrs. Euland Efurd has consented to be responsible for the Nursery during the 1961 School of Missions and that it can be held at the Noel Memorial Methodist Church.

Plans were made for the selection and invitation of three girls from each district to attend the 1961 School of Missions. Mrs. G. W. Dameron was appointed to assist Mrs. McCammon as Counselor for this group of girls, and both were added to this committee.

March 14, 1961, First Methodist Church, Lake Charles, La.

Mrs. C. B. McGowan was welcomed as Dean of 1961 School of Missions to take the place of Mrs. J. C. Whitaker who is moving from Louisiana Conference.

Mrs. Watson announced the faculty for 1961 School of Missions.

A new type of program was presented to the committee and was approved.

Mrs. Watson announced that the pattern of attendance to School of Missions would include all officers and secretaries of lines of work over a two year period.

Mrs. Dameron reported on a Leadership Training Meeting in Greenwich, Connecticut from which she had just returned. Mrs. Dameron emphasized that this leadership training was not to be confused with the departmental Clinic training but should supplement it. Three blocks of time will be needed with local and district officers taking part together, attempting to present the total responsibility of each member of the church. To implement these plans it was necessary to re-schedule the time allotted to various parts of the School program. After preliminary discussion the chairman appointed Mrs. G. W. Dameron, Mrs. C. B. McGowan, Mrs. M. R. Tatum and Mrs. B. F. Patterson, Jr. to meet her in Alexandria on April 7, 1961, at 9:30 A.M. to work out final schedule for school.

The conference officers and secretaries of lines of work were asked to come to the School of Missions on Sunday so that they may have an orientation session beginning at 1 o'clock on Sunday, lasting until dinner time. Teachers and Bible Hour speaker will be asked to attend this early session if possible. Sunday evening will be given to setting up registration plans.

March 17, 1961, First Methodist Church, Lake Charles, La.

The following officers were elected for 1962 School of Missions and Christian Service:

Dean: Mrs. M. R. Tatum
Chairman: Mrs. Wideman Watson

REPORTS OF WOMAN'S DIVISION PROJECTS IN LOUISIANA

ST. MARK'S COMMUNITY CENTER

1130 N. Rampart Street, New Orleans 16, La.

Fae L. Daves, Director

Had you visited us during the first weeks of June last year you might have wondered for a moment whether you had suddenly been transported to the South Pacific, for we were then deep in Play Camp and our theme was "Hawaiian Holiday." Colorful, interesting evidences of this Island Paradise were all about. This three weeks of learning and fun for 97 children 6-14 years of age ended with a big "Luau." The older children, particularly, asked many questions which were provocative of discussion about race relations and other aspects of Island life. Setting up situations which help young people think and grow, get new insights, broaden their interests and understanding is one of our objectives. Our summer program, of course, included other activities, a big program of swimming in our indoor pool, and five weeks of camping—six days each for five groups—at Camp St. Mark's near Covington.

This year we have two full time and three part time persons on our program staff. Mrs. Daisy Arth is now in her 5th year, Wilma Snare, Deaconess, in her 3rd year; Miss Laura Smith assists with club work, Mr. Jack Parsons boys' club work, and Mr. Joe Knight handles the athletic program. We have a bigger program this year than last. Individual enrollment for 1960 was 570, slightly above average for us. At present we have 15 clubs and interest groups, one gym group for younger girls, one basketball team for older girls, 9 basketball teams for boys, and one night a week the co-eds have the gym for volleyball. They have had one big tournament this year and are discussing another.

In this short space it is obviously impossible to discuss a year's program so we are pointing up only a few things. One of our strong emphases is leadership training for girls. The boys help too, but because we have had so much turnover in staff it has been difficult to develop the same kind of program for boys. One of the girls who has been a member here for more than 9 years, now a Senior in High School, received the civic achievement award presented by the Loyal Order of the Moose during Youth Appreciation Week Oct. 29th on WWL TV. During the year she helped in many ways, with a younger group each week, on camp weekends, and was Life Guard for one group during the summer. This year a leadership training course for girls is being offered on a weekly basis. Two girls who are too young for the group have been so eager to help that they practically bought their way into the Fun and Story Club for boys and girls 6-8. They even spent their allowance for refreshments so they could get into the group to help and finally made it. The leader reports that they are doing well.

In our report last year we pointed up the fact that conditions in our area are changing and this continues to be true. While we still have children who live around the corner and within a few blocks, many have to walk much farther, or must take a bus to get here. In the months of December and January the sun sets early; it is dark before the children leave our building in the evening. This was one of the big factors we had to reckon with when we were hit by the school integration crisis November 14th. When we opened our fall program in September we had an unusually good response. The integration crisis did have an adverse effect . Because of the intense feeling, fear that something would happen to the children either at St. Mark's or on their way home, some children—girls for the most part—were not permitted to come for about 2½ to 3 months. Attendance in our afternoon clubs dropped off. The week before Mardi Gras, however, when attendance normally drops some, it was most gratifying to us to see some of these members come back to our groups, and to have a full program all week. (Neither of the integrated schools is in our area.) So there is no misunderstanding about the way we feel, however, I think this further word should be added. Regardless of the effect on the Community Center, we of the staff feel that Rev. L. A. Foreman, pastor of St. Mark's Church, took the only stand he could take and we have given him our full support.

Our thanks and appreciation to all of you for your prayers, interest, and gifts.

PEOPLE'S METHODIST COMMUNITY CENTER

2019 Simon Bolivar Avenue, New Orleans 13, La.

Pearl C. Turnbull, Nursery Teacher

Recently a large electric sign bearing the name of the institution was installed at the entrance to the building. As you approach the 2100 Block of Simon Bolivar at night you are struck by the brilliance of the light from this sign dispelling the darkness in the immediate area. The brightly lighted building stands out as a beacon light.

We, who labor here at Peoples, like to think of our institution as doing just that—giving light to the community. Not alone physical light but spiritual light in the lives and hearts of the people to whom its services are dedicated.

Day Care for children of working mothers.

Classes in Kindergarten through Primary Grades.

Clubs for teen-age boys and girls.

Clubs for Adults.

A special program of summer activites which include Vacation Bible School, Day Camp, classes in Folk Dancing and Music. The total registration for this fall of 1960 is 512 persons as follows:

Day Nursery 74, Kindergarten 55, Primary Grades 50, Girls Clubs 50, Boys Clubs 118, Adult Clubs 75, Summer Activities 90.

The Center was also headquarters this past fall for a relief project for families taken off the Louisiana Welfare Rolls. Two hundred and forty families were given food, medicine and clothing. A total of 1250 children were in these families. Sponsors of this project were the Council of Methodists, and the Woman's Society of the New Orleans District.

We have outgrown our present structure built in 1952. Expansion of present facilities is our next goal. The possibilities for service are unlimited.

METHODIST STUDENT CENTER

Louisiana Polytechnic Institute, Ruston, La.

William M. Stokes, Director

The churchmanship of college students begins with their work on the college campus. Their witness to Christ is seen in all phases of their college activities. Christianity is not something apart from life, but is life itself.

The most important phase of our program is the vesper services, held on Thursday and Sunday, and Prayer Time, held each morning, which are planned and conducted by the students. In these worship services our students see the place of God in their college lives and the dedication of their lives to His task for them.

Other campus activities in which our students participate are: homecoming display—"Wesley Tames the Lion"—winning first place in the religious division; Sing Week—singing "Eternal Life"—the prayer of St. Francis of Assisi; intra-mural sports program—winning first place in the boys' track division.

This past summer one of our boys was a member of a work camp in Mexico; several boys worked in the national park ministry; one boy worked in a YMCA camp; and several in district youth camps. Several students have regular places of service each week in our churches—youth directors, teachers, and MYF counsellors.

Thirteen of our students, along with the director, attended the Regional Leadership Conference, Camp Egan, Oklahoma. Fall Planning Retreat for the Council was held in September at Caney Lake at which time the program for the year was planned. Nine of our students, along with the director, spent a week end at Perkins' School of Theology, SMU, discussing their college curriculum in preparation for graduate work.

Challenged to a conscious experience of stewardship our students selected the Indian Mission Work, Oklahoma, and Leonard Theological Seminary, India, as their projects for the Methodist Student Fellowship Fund. This gives the student an opportunity to share through his pledge in the mission program of the church.

Miss Betty Ruth Goode, representative of the Deaconess Board, Woman's Division, New York, was guest speaker at vespers. She had personal interviews with those students interested in mission work. At vespers she challenged all students to realize that their vocation is the individual's total response to the will and purpose of God. Dr. P. C. B. Balaram, an outstanding Methodist leader, will be with the students on a Life and Mission Team, March 17 and 18.

"The Tea House of the September Moon," complete with geisha girls and oriental activities, was the party honoring the freshmen of the Fall Semester. Other parties held were: French party, hayride, skating party, open house after the football games, reception for Mothers' Weekend, and others.

The pastors of our churches, Reverend Douglas McGuire, and Reverend George Ross, and their members are to be commended for helping the students find their home church while in college with an opportunity for affiliate or regular membership. Reverend Luman Douglas, our District Superintendent, is also to be commended for the fine way he has presented our program to the churches of our District. To the members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of our District, Conference, and national level we are grateful for your support and interest in our program.

And so as we see the churchmanship of our students we thank God for His guidance. The lives of our students are indeed an inspiration. May we realize the investment in the lives of our college students will be the dividends of our Church of tomorrow.

METHODIST STUDENT CENTER

Northwestern State College, Natchitoches, La.

Robert L. Tatum, Director

Growth in size, insight and outreach has been the hallmark of the N. S. C. Wesley Foundation during the past year.

The Board of Directors, this past Summer, encouraged the Chaplain to enter Graduate School at Northwestern as a step toward better qualifying himself for the Campus Ministry.

Ian Anderson and Sammy Lu are enrolled at N.S.C. Ian is a citizen of India who is studying School Administration on the Graduate level. He plans to teach in one of the Methodist schools in India. Sammy is a freshman pre-med student who is interested in returning to his native Hong Kong as a missionary doctor. This is the first time in many years that we have had Methodist Students from overseas on our campus. They have added much to our year's work.

Student outreach has come with a growing understanding of our responsibility to the campus. We have contacted a large number of students during recent months. Both our Sunday Morning and Wednesday Evening meetings have been well attended. Deputation teams have been one of our growing arms and one activity which has helped to inform high school graduates about the Methodist program on the college campus. These programs have received the full cooperation of our District Woman's Society ladies.

A sense of mission lives in the hearts of our students. We have five students who are pledged to full time service and several others considering church related vocations. Our students raised their WSFF pledge to $250 this year and are shooting for $275 in 1961-62. They have bought and placed in the hotels and motels in Natchitoches many Upper Rooms for tourists' devotional use. They have given $75 to our Building Fund.

Our students have renewed their interest in Religious study. We have used Reflection Books as an aid to better understanding our Christian Faith, and we are offering, this semester, classes in the New Testament and the Christian Ministry. These classes have been well received.

Wesley Firesides, held at intervals during the year, have helped the students understand many of the problems facing our world, the needs of underdeveloped nations and the task of the Church and its people.

Our students and Board of Directors have cooperated in every way possible with campus interdenominational organizations, the Administration, faculty and staff of the college, and the state MSM program. We realize that in all we do much of our work would be impossible if it were not for the Methodist Women of our church. We all wish to thank you.

METHODIST STUDENT CENTER

University of Southwestern Louisiana, Lafayette, La.

Allen O. Jernigan, Director

At this time during your Annual Conference in Lake Charles, I am touring our state in a "Life and Mission of the Church Team" sponsored by the Student Department of our Methodist Board of Missions. I am traveling with this year's overseas staff member of the Board of Missions, the Rev. P. C. B. Balaram D.D., an Indian Methodist leader. Dr. Balaram is doing general educational and interpretative work in the field of missions.

This "Life and Mission of the Church" project lifts up our emphasis this year at the Southwestern Wesley Foundation. We have had several outstanding panel discussions on the theme "The Church's Mission in the University." In two of these, faculty members and ministers participated on the panels. One weekend retreat was specifically related to this emphasis as the student officers planned programs for the year.

Our Wesley Player's group has been most active this past year. The major production last semester was **The Sign of Jonah**, an outstanding religious drama of our time. The students worked hard on all phases of the production, including sets and costumes, and the result was a powerful message through the medium of drama. At present we have a group on the choral drama "The Circle Beyond Fear."

We know that our major purpose is to confront the university community with the Christian gospel. One example of response to the "Glad Tidings" came to us last semester when Abbass E. Moghadam, a Moslem student from Iran, became a Christian. He was baptized at the First Methodist Church in Lafayette a few weeks ago. Abbass, many call him William, has been an inspiration to our group and has called us to see that "God shows no partiality, but in every nation any one who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him." (Acts 10:34)

A new program feature this semester is "Study-Covenant Groups." The students are studying the two books written for the 1961 National Methodist Student Movement Conference which will be held August 26-31, 1961 at the University of Illinois: **An Inquiry Into Faith** by J. Wesley Robb and **The Church; Its Origin and Task** by Albert E. Barnett.

Also this semester there is a renewed emphasis on deputation teams. Students visit various churches and M.Y.F. groups in the Lafayette District and give and receive much from these experiences.

Bishop T. Otto Nall has recently said that if there is to be a renewal of the Church, it will come because students come alive to the potential of what God is doing. There are signs that a renewal is taking place in the student movement.

SAGER-BROWN HOME & GODMAN SCHOOL

Baldwin, Louisiana

Rosie Ann Cobb, Superintendent

Training boys and girls for citizens of tomorrow has been our main emphasis this year. The three fundamental institutions which have, and will continue to make the type of world we live in are the Home, Church and School. We prepare children to fit well into these three institutions of living.

The work stems almost wholly around children whose lives have been influenced by broken homes, child desertion, alcoholism, and economic conditions. This school term one hundred seventy three children have been placed in the care of the Home and School. One-third of this number have permanent residency at Sager-Brown Home.

Careful planning has been done by the Staff to help these boys and girls develop mentally, physically, and spiritually. An Advisory Board has been set up by the Executive Secretary of Educational Work and Residences in the Home Fields, Miss Evelyn Berry. This Board will be very helpful in administering the work of Sager-Brown Home and Godman School.

Kindergarten and grades first through eighth are taught in Godman School. Classes are held in summer to strengthen children that are slow learning. Our children compete and rate well with students of the Parish, in speech, music and sports.

A Chaplain has been added to the Staff this year, and he is a great help in the spiritual training and development of the boys and girls in the community, Church and School. The children engage in the various activities such as, Church School, Vacation Bible School, Mid-Week Prayer and Class Services, Choirs, and Boy Scouts. The Choral Group makes appearances in Local Churches, District and Annual Conferences. The School of Missions of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Louisiana Conference, and the annual "Season Tea," given by the Ministers' Wives of the Franklin District, Louisiana Conference, were held at Sager-Brown Home this year.

Improvements This Year: Painting the interior of the girls and boys dormitories.

It is with grateful hearts that we acknowledge the gifts of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, Wesleyan Service Guild, MYF and individual friends of the various Churches and Groups.

As we are being led by the "Faith That Compels Us," may we continue to help others to find that Faith.

BUSINESS GIRLS' INN

814 Cotton Street, Shreveport, La.

Hazel F. Cooper, Director

Business Girls' Inn has been a home for 79 girls from June 1, 1960 until Spring Conference time. Most of these girls are in the 18-19 year age group. Many are students at local business colleges. Turnover is likely to be rapid with this group, and has been so this year. Many were married immediately on finishing school.

Seventeen girls married during the year. One of the weddings took place in the living room of the Inn, on New Year's Eve. It was a lovely affair. A reception followed for about one hundred guests.

Several of our students gave hours of volunteer secretarial service to one of the local churches which has a building project under way. One of these students has gone into full time Christian Service as a secretary. Another is preparing for a similar career. We were pleased as they talked with us, that the satisfaction of an opportunity to serve was of more importance to them than salary considerations.

Christmas at the Inn is always an opportunity to assist others. This year new toys and a gift of money went to the Journal Joy Fund from the residents of the Inn.

As we serve the teen-age group counseling and guidance continue to be of major concern to the director. Relating religion to everyday living and relationships with others are of major importance. Money management is always a problem with some who have not had any previous experience in managing their own affairs.

An important contribution to the health and well being of teen-agers is food. Some 700 meals are served yearly to from 45 to 52 girls. Left to themselves they would eat constantly but not adequately. "What for dinner?" is a daily question. We have almost no "breakfast dodgers."

Some college students asked the Director recently if girls expressed appreciation for the residence. Not all of them do, many do not express themselves in words. The following came from a letter written by a resident to a Guild Unit: "BGI meets the needs of many girls from different types of homes and surroundings. But it more than serves its purpose, as it has helped many girls get a start in their careers and reach a goal that they might not otherwise have attained. It is a wonderful place for meeting friends, and believe me, friends are what you need when you begin life in a strange town."

Improvements: We are continuing the renovation program. Gifts from some of the local Woman's Societies of Christian Service made it possible for us to reupholster furniture in the date and recreation room. We appreciated this help since our funds had been spent on major improvements, and the redecorating was needed to finish the work.

The Supply funds which have come from the Conference this year will be spent on major improvements in the kitchen which have been needed for some time. We do appreciate the generosity of the Conference women. Thank you for making ours a more effective plant in which to work.

Because this is your work we hope that more of you will visit the Inn when you are in the city. We want you to know the work and we want to know each of you.

MacDONELL METHODIST CENTER

Houma, Louisiana

John L. Howe, Jr., Director

A change in directors came to MacDonell Methodist Center again this year. Mr. Ezell left in June to go to the Methodist Children's Home in Ruston. Miss Velma Lea Hair served as director through the summer, and September 1st, Mr. John L. Howe, Jr. became the new director. Mr. Howe is a professional social worker and is a commissioned home missionary with the Methodist Board of Missions.

MacDonell Methodist Center, a group-living situation (as is any children's home) is also a mission project. This combination means it has certain unique services to offer to children, to the community and to Southern Louisiana.

Children from broken homes are often in need of a period of time in which they can adjust their thinking to accept all that has happened to them. Adjustment must come before they can be content in their own home with its changed situation or before they can feel comfortable in a foster or adoptive home. In a group living situation these adjustments can be made in a secure surrounding with no need to feel "different" or "odd." One can feel almost anonymous in a group and it is often easier to confide in (or shout at) a houseparent than it would be with a member of the family in a private home where the tensions of wanting to "make good" may be so severe. A children's home that is also a mission project has an additional "plus quality" to its service because staff members bring to their work a mature Christian dedication.

Twenty-two children live at MacDonell (9 girls; 13 boys — ages almost evenly spread from 6 to 16). Nearly all are from broken homes. The staff, with the professional help of Houma's child guidance clinic, of the public welfare workers, of school counselors, of our ministers, work out a program of activity and counseling that allows the children to feel secure while they build in themselves the understanding and maturity that will help them accept their situation.

In developing and carrying out our program with the children, MacDonell, of course, can be a source of help to agencies and counselors concerned with the welfare of children in this area. Our plan for the coming year involves the development of a process of continual evaluation—not only of the professional services offered by the Center, but also an evaluation of the quality of our Christian witness.

We invite you to use our staff as resource personnel in your mission studies, your regular meetings, and your entire church program. The success of our program depends a great deal on our relationship with you.

DULAC COMMUNITY CENTER

Box 1150, Dulac Louisiana

Carl Brunson, Head Resident

On October 21, 1960, a milestone was reached in the history of Dulac Community Center. Our new building, erected from gifts from the Week of Prayer and Self-Denial of 1959, was dedicated by Bishop Aubrey G, Walton. Participating in the dedication were Mrs. L. B. Kilpatrick as Conference President; Mrs. Glenn Laskey as Member of the Woman's Division; Miss Cornelia Russell, Executive Secretary; members of the staff of the Center; and many others.

Many of you who have so great a part in the realization of this dream have been to Dulac to see this new structure. To you, we are grateful for your coming. To those who have not, we wish that you would come so that we could show you one of the places where your dollars, your interest, and your prayers go to help people have a fuller life. We would like to have some of our young people show you through the building as they did when we had open house. They would tell you of the structural features and just what goes on in the various parts of the building. You could watch the pride in their faces as they would tell of some phase of the program that is particularly dear to them. You could feel a pride with them, and you would have a keener appreciation of your own work in supporting the efforts made to uplift a community.

News releases talk of emerging peoples in the Congo, in Southeast Asia, and in other parts of the world. We like to think that there are some emerging peoples in this country, too. The Indians who live at Dulac are emerging into a greater "self" consciousness with the ability of self-direction. They know their limitations in education, in recreation, and in social affairs; but they are beginning to realize their potential along these same lines. Next year will see the first high school graduation at Louisiana's only public Indian school. Shortly, Eva Dean, now Mrs. Dale Wilson, will be graduating from National College in Kansas City. Small groups of boys and girls are learning about team sports, group activities, and many other things that they have not known before in their family or community. Young women are learning how to give a stork shower and of the affection expressed by one. Teenagers are learning how to have a good time in a wholesome atmosphere and how to meet newcomers on an equal basis. Four- and five-year-olds are learning how to be away from mother in kindergarten, and they are having many other experiences which help them to become better acquainted with the world.

You have made all this possible through your concern for other people, through your prayers in support of this work, through your giving through the Week of Prayer and Self-Denial, and through your pledge and supply support through the Woman's Society of Christian Service.

CASH FOR SUPPLY WORK ASKINGS
LOUISIANA CONFERENCE
1961 - 1962

HOME FIELD ASKINGS: $9,056.47

People's Methodist Community Center, 2019 Simon Bolivar, New Orleans 13, La.
St. Mark's Community Center, 1130 N. Rampart St., New Orleans 16, La.
Sager-Brown Home and Godman School, Baldwin, La.
Wesley Foundations:
Louisiana Polytechnic Institute, Box 34, Tech Station, Ruston, La.
Northwestern State College, Box 1285, NSC, Natchitoches, La.
University of Southwestern Louisiana, Box 220, USL, Lafayette, La.
MacDonell Methodist Center, Box 270, Houma, La.
George C. Robinson School Kindergartens, Santurca 34, Puerto Rico

FOREIGN FIELD ASKINGS: $3,955.00

Africa ..... Central Congo Conference, Minga
Malaya ..... Undesignated
Phillipines ..... Northwest Annual Conference
Dagupan Student Center
Mobile Medical Clinic
Taguagarac Student Center
Literacy, San Mateo

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Wesley Foundation, USL
Foreign: Africa, Malaya

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Wesley Foundation, NSC
Foreign: Africa, Phillipines

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MacDonell Methodist Center
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WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD
COMMITTEE MEETING

July 15-16, 1960

The Committee of the Louisiana Conference Wesleyan Service Guild met at Camp Brewer, Frlday evening, July 15, 1960, and adjourned until the following morning at 8:30.

The meeting was called to order by Miss Sue Batton, Conference Secretary, Saturday, July 16, 1960, at 8:30 A.M.

Miss Batton introduced new members of the Guild Committee: Mrs. Agnes Miller, Conference Missionary Education Chairman; Mrs. Ruth Guthrie, Conference Supply Chairman; Miss Grace Lawson, Lake Charles District Secretary; Mrs. W. A. Cotton, Monroe District Secretary; and Mrs. Warren Orr, Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service Secretary of Literature and Publications.

Miss Arline Tyler, gave a devotional concluding with prayer for Mr. C. G. Mainous who was ill.

It was announced by Miss Batton that Miss Tyler had been elected Jurisdiction Spiritual Life Chairman at the Jurisdiction Guild Weekend at Mount Sequoyah. She explained that Miss Tyler would serve as Conference Spiritual Life Chairman until the Spring Meeting, 1961.

It was also announced that Mrs. L. B. Kilpatrick was elected a member at large on the Committee of the Jurisdiction Wesleyan Service Guild.

The Secretary called the roll and the following members were present: Misses Sue Batton, Marilyn Carter, Arline Tyler, Elizabeth Langford, Maree White, Grace Lawson, Mildred Evans, and Mesdames Austin Miller, E. T. Cowell, T. D. Guthrie, Alvin Sandefur, C. G. Mainous, W. A. Cotton, Earl Nugent, L. B. Kilpatrick, B. F. Patterson, J. H. McSween, Wideman Watson, and Warren Orr. A motion made by Miss Langford was adopted that the secretary send messages to those absent: Miss Hazel Cooper, and Mesdames Glenn Laskey, Lee Tidwell, Sam Dunbar, and C. J. Tackaberry.

A Journal Committee was appointed by Miss Batton. Members appointed were: Miss White, Chairman, Mrs. Mainous, and Mrs. Cowell.

Miss Batton reported that the Constitution and By-laws Committee had not completed its work but will be ready to report by the Spring Meeting.

A supplementary sheet to accompany the treasurer's report was presented and discussed. Since the new report books were not out, and no instruction had been received on the use of the supplementary sheet, it was moved by Mrs. Mainous that the new form not be used with the first quarter's report. Motion carried.

The new report forms for the promotion secretary were presented. Miss Langford moved that we defer discussion of this report until the Coaching Conference. Motion carried. Mrs. Nugent offered to make copies of this report form and send them to the district secretaries in the meantime.

It was announced that the Coaching Conference would be held September 10-11, 1960, at Camp Brewer.

The group agreed to Arline Tyler's suggestion that we observe Quiet Time from 10:30 P.M. until breakfast Sunday morning.

It was announced that the offering to be taken on Sunday morning would go to the Conference Cultivation Fund.

The meeting adjourned until 4 o'clock.

The Standing Committee reconvened at 4 o'clock.

The following recommendation was submitted by Miss Carter and adopted: That the chairman of the annual program committee conform to the Guild year; that is, that her term of office begin with the Guild Weekend program and end with the program of the Spring Meeting. To set this policy in motion, the chairman chosen at this time will serve for the Spring Meeting of 1961 only, and that her successor serve for the Guild Weekend and the Spring Meeting of 1962.

On motion of Miss Tyler, Miss Carter was elected program chairman for the Spring Meeting.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Marilyn Carter
Recording Secretary

WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD WEEKEND
CAMP BREWER

JULY 15-17, 1960

Friday, July 15

Members of the Louisiana Conference Wesleyan Service Guild on Friday evening joined in fellowship singing with Mrs. Paul Anderson directing and Mrs. B. F. Patterson, Jr. at the piano. The session closed with prayer.

Saturday, July 16

The day began with morning watch at 7:00 A.M., in the tabernacle with Mrs. Minza Rabun bringing the meditation.

Registration was handled by Miss Lillian Gaines of New Orleans.

The executive committee was in session from 8:30 to 10:00 o'clock. From 9:00 to 10:00 crafts were under the supervision of Miss Emma Kuntz of New Orleans. From 10:00 to 11:00 Workshops were led as follows: Presidents— Mrs. L. B. Kilpatrick and Miss Sue Batton; Vice-Presidents — Mrs. H. V. Dunford; Treasurers — Mrs. J. H. McSween; Promotion Secretaries — Mrs. B. F. Patterson, Jr.; and Recording Secretaries — Miss Marilynn Carter.

Clinics on lines of work were conducted from 11:15 to 12:15: Spiritual Life — Miss Arline Tyler; Missionary Education — Mrs. F. G. Phillips, Mrs. Austin Miller, Mrs. Wideman Watson, and Miss Ann Ruth Jones; and Christian Social Relations — Mrs. E. T. Cowell; and Supply Work — Mrs. T. D. Guthrie and Miss Margaret McGowan.

The afternoon session convened at 1:45 with Miss Sue Batton, presiding. After the singing of the theme hymn, "Lord of Our Life," the opening meditation was led by Mrs. Alice Duncan, Spiritual Life Chairman of Istrouma Methodist Church of Baton Rouge.

Miss Margaret McGowan, program chairman, presented the program.

The district chairmen were recognized and in turn presented officers and members from their districts; a total of 115 were present at that session.

Miss Arline Tyler announced that the Standing Committee and the members of the Spiritual Life Clinic had recommended that there be a Quiet Time from 10:30 P.M. to breakfast time on Sunday.

It was announced that the standing committee would meet at 4 o'clock.

The following were introduced: Mrs. Paul Anderson, songleader, from Shreveport; Mrs. Nell Patterson, W.S.C.S. Conference Secretary of Promotion, our pianist for the Weekend; Mrs. Mattie Lee Watson, W.S.C.S. Conference Secretary of Missionary Education, who announced that School of Missions material would be mailed out in the next few days; Miss Ann Ruth Jones, A-3, who has done education work in the Belgian Congo and is at present Christian Education Director in a Texas church and is doing recruiting work; Mrs. Margaret Manis, New Orleans District W.S.C.S. Secretary of Promotion, speaker for the Sunday morning program; Mrs. Alice Orr, W.S.C.S. Conference Secretary of Literature and Publications.

Miss Batton announced the new policy regarding the district secretaries. In view of the important responsibilities and the wide area of work assumed by the district secretary she may co-opt someone to help her; this person, however, has no official status.

Miss Batton announced the Louisiana quota for attendance to the Jurisdiction Guild Weekend was filled with 24 in attendance. Miss Batton, Miss Arline Tyler, Miss Ruby Craton substituting for Mrs. Agnes Miller, and Miss Elizabeth Langford attended Jurisdiction School of Missions. Miss Langford edited **Mountain Minutes,** daily newsheet of the school.

The Christian Social Relations study, "The Christian's Responsibility and the Alcohol Problem," was presented by Miss Langford. The Home Mission study, "Heritage and Horizon," was presented by Miss Batton.

The hymn, "Faith of Our Fathers" was sung.

Miss Emma Kuntz from the Carrollton Church Guild of New Orleans, announced that Dr. Esther Shoemaker, co-worker of Dr. Vela Cleveland in India, will be honored at a reception at the Carrollton Methodist Church on the evening of September 17, 1960. She invited all who could to be present.

Elizabeth Langford made an appeal to those present to go home and promote **Guild Times:** Requesting the goal of 750 subscriptions.

A skit entitled "What's My Line," featuring the lines of work, was next presented. A blindfolded panel attempted to identify each chairman of a line of work who answered yes or no to a pertinent question asked by the panel. Once identified the chairman explained in some detail her duties and responsibilities. Moderator for this program was Miss Margaret McGowan; announcer was Miss Dorothy **Dunbar.**

After supper the group gathered at Vesper Point for a service led by Miss Ann Ruth Jones.

In the tabernacle the group worshiped in song, with Mrs. Anderson directing.

Miss Ann Ruth Jones brought the message of the evening describing her work in the Belgian Congo, illustrating with color slides. This was a very enriching experience; the group was deeply moved by her sincerity and forcefulness. The evening session was closed with the singing of the hymn, "Take Time to Be Holy." After snacks and a brief fellowship all retired to their cabins for devotions and a Quiet Time which extended through communion service the next morning.

The day began with Holy Communion at Vesper Point administered by Rev. G. W. Dameron. The Lafayette District assisted.

After breakfast the morning session was called to order by Miss Sue Batton and opened with the singing of the hymn, "O Master Let Me Walk With Thee."

The presentation of the Mission Study, "Into All the World Together," was made by Miss Ruby Craton, Missionary Education Chairman of the Ruston District. The study, "Basic Christian Beliefs," was presented by Miss Arline Tyler.

Following a coffee break and group singing of the Guild Hymn the business session convened with Miss Batton presiding.

The secretary was called on to read the recommendation from the Executive Committee. The secretary read and moved the adoption of the following recommendation which was unanimously carried: That the annual chairman of the program committee conform to the Guild year; that is, that her term of office begin with the Guild Weekend program and end with the program of the Spring Meeting. To set this policy in motion, the chairman chosen at this time will serve for the Spring Meeting of 1961 only, and that her successor serve for the Guild Weekend 1961 and the Spring Meeting of 1962.

Sue Batton spoke to the group of Arline Tyler's election at Mt. Sequoyah to the position of Jurisdiction Chairman of Spiritual Life stating how proud we all were of her. At the same meeting Mrs. Nell Kilpatrick was elected to serve on the Jurisdiction Committee of the Wesleyan Service Guild. All were very happy over the elevation of these two members to high office. Miss Batton then announced that Miss Tyler had agreed to serve as Conference Chairman of Spiritual Life until the Spring Meeting of 1961, at which time her successor will be elected. Mrs. Minza Rabun, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, then issued an appeal for members to submit names to her committee for this nomination.

Dorothy Dunbar made the following motion: that information, registrations forms and necessary publicity be sent out in ample time to cover Guild meetings in advance of the session. Motion carried.

The following dates were announced: Annual School of Missions — August 15-19, 1960; Jurisdiction Guild Weekend — June 23-25, 1961; Jurisdiction School of Missions — June 26 - July 1, 1961; Coaching Conference — September 10-11, 1960; and Annual Spring Meeting — March 17-19, 1961 in Lake Charles, Louisiana.

It was announced that beginning with this year the Secretary of Promotion will report twice instead of three times; dates for these reports will be November 25th and May 25th.

Miss Batton then thanked all who had worked towards making Guild Weekend a success.

Miss Lillian Gaines reported the following registration by districts: Alexandria — 20; Baton Rouge — 13; Lafayette — 9; Lake Charles — 19; Monroe — 23; New Orleans — 26; Ruston — 10; and Shreveport — 23. This was a total of 144.

Miss Ann Ruth Jones then spoke on the recruitment program of the Woman's Division.

The meeting adjourned with an inspiring message brought by Mrs. Joseph Manis, New Orleans District Woman's Society Secretary of Promotion.

Marilynn Carter
Recording Secretary

COACHING CONFERENCE

Camp Brewer — September 10-11, 1960

The Coaching Conference of the Louisiana Conference Wesleyan Service Guild met at Camp Brewer, Saturday, September 10, 1960. The meeting was called to order ot 5:00 p.m. by Miss Sue Batton, Conference Secretary, and opened with prayer.

The following persons were present: Misses Sue Batton, Marilynn Carter, Arline Tyler, Elizabeth Langford, Maree White, Grace Lawson, Mildred Evans, Marie Pace, Monie Dalton, and Mesdames Austin Miller, E. T. Cowell, Alvin

Sandefur, C. G. Mainous, W. A. Cotton, Travis Powell, E. E. Roberts, Irma Watson, Minza Rabun, and M. C. Baldridge. Absent members: Miss Hazel Cooper, Mrs. Earl Nugent, and Mrs. T. D. Guthrie.

Miss Batton outlined the purpose of the Coaching Conference as being a meeting to train district and conference officers to go back into their respective districts and train local officers and promote the work of the Wesleyan Service Guild.

The Coaching Conference material was presented as follows:

Demonstration of a Program Planning Committee Meeting — Miss Maree White.

A Skit on Reporting — Mrs. Alvin Sandefur.

Presentation of Missionary Education Work — Mrs. Austin Miller.

Presentation of Supply Work — Mrs. Minza Rabun.

Presentation of a Guild Program — Mrs. C. G. Mainous.

The session was adjourned until morning with prayer and Bible scriptures by Miss Arline Tyler.

Morning Session

The morning session was called to order at 8:00 a.m. by Miss Batton and opened with a prayer and meditation by Miss Tyler.

Corrections were made in the Journal, after which Coaching Conference material was again presented as follows:

Membership Emphasis — Miss Mildred Evans.

Presentation of Literature and Publications and the Use of Speakers and Resource Persons — Miss Grace Lawson.

Presentation of Christian Social Relations — Mrs. E. T. Cowell.

Fellowship — Miss Marie Pace.

Integration into the Program of the Church — Mrs. W. A. Cotton.

Presentation of **Guild Times** plans — Miss Elizabeth Langford.

Presentation of Spiritual Life -- Miss Arline Tyler.

It was called to the attention of the group that districts could follow the rules of the jurisdiction and conference in having delegate representation at district meetings.

The meeting adjourned with prayer, followed by a meeting of the program committee.

Marilynn Carter
Recording Secretary

WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD
PRAYER RETREAT

JANUARY 21-22, 1961

Members of the Louisiana Conference Wesleyan Service Guild met at Hodges Gardens on January 21-22, 1961, for a Spiritual Life retreat. In charge of the retreat was Miss Arline Tyler, Jurisdiction Chairman of Spritual Life. Mrs. Dana Dawson was the Resource Speaker.

The program was:

Saturday
2:00 Fellowship

3:00 Plan and Purpose
Call to Worship
First Meditation
Emmaus Walk or Intermission for Rest, Reading, Meditation
Learning to Pray

6:00 Dinner and Sharing Time

7:30 Second Meditation
"Seek and ye shall find . ." (question and answer period)
Prayer Time
Benediction and Silence

Sunday

8:00 Morning Watch
Breakfast
Personal Time

9:30 Coffee at the Hodge's Home

10:45 Morning Worship
Hymn
Responsive Reading
Prayer
Special Music
Message: "How Much . . .?"
Hymn
Benediction

12:30 Dinner and Sharing Time

The theme of the retreat was "If with All Your Heart Ye Truly Seek Him." The retreat was truly a blessing to the forty-seven Guild members in attendance.

Marilynn Carter
Recording Secretary

WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

March 18, 1961

The Executive Committee of the Louisiana Conference Wesleyan Service Guild met at 10:30 a.m., Saturday, March 18, 1961, at the Charleston Hotel, Lake Charles, Louisiana.

The meeting was called to order by Miss Sue Batton, Conference Secretary.

In response to roll call, the following were present: Misses Sue Batton, Marilynn Carter, Arline Tyler, Elizabeth Langford, Maree White, Grace Lawson, Mildred A. Evans, and Hazel Cooper, Mesdames Austin Miller, E. T. Cowell, Alvin T. Sandefur, C. G. Mainous, W. A. Cotton, L. B. Kilpatrick, B. F. Patterson, Jr., Herbert C. Loyd, Wideman Watson, Warren Orr, C. J. Tackaberry, Minza Rabun, substituting for Mrs. T. D. Gutrie who was ill, and Mrs. Thomas Guthrie, substituting for Mrs. Earl Nugent who was ill. Mrs. Alfred Knox, representative of the **Louisiana Methodist** was a guest.

Miss Tyler conducted a meditation followed by prayer for members who were ill and for persons in the prayer calendar.

Miss Batton made the following introductions: Mrs. Alfred Knox, representing the **Louisiana Methodist**; Mrs. Herbert C. Loyd, newly elected WSCS Conference Treasurer; Mrs. C. J. Tackaberry, Conference WSCS Secretary of Supply and WSCS member-at-large on the Guild Committee; Mrs. L. B. Kilpatrick, WSCS Conference President; Mrs. Warren Orr, WSCS Conference Secretary of Literature and Publications; and Mrs. B. F. Patterson, Jr., WSCS Conference Secretary of Promotion.

The committee signed get-well cards for Mrs. T. D. Guthrie and Mrs. Earl Nugent, a birthday card for Dr. Vela Cleveland, and a sympathy card for the family of Miss Willie May Porter.

Miss Batton announced the following committees would be appointed at the afternoon session: a Journal Committee with Mrs. Alvin T. Sandefur, chairman, and Mrs. W. A. Cotton; and a Resolutions Committee with Miss Marie Pace, chairman, and Miss Maree White.

It was announced by Miss Batton, that Miss Arline Tyler, new Jurisdiction Chairman of Spiritual Life, had sent a letter of resignation to the Conference Standing Committee resigning as Conference Chairman of Spiritual Life effective at this Spring Meeting. It was moved by Mrs. Kilpatrick that Committee accept Miss Tyler's resignation with regret. Motion was duly carried.

Miss Batton appointed Mrs. Kilpatrick parliamentarian for the Spring Meeting.

The revised bylaws were presented by Miss Langford, Chairman of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee. After discussion and suggestions from the floor it was moved by Mrs. Mainous that the bylaws be referred back to the committee for revision and then presented later. Motion duly carried.

Mrs. Kilpatrick called attention to the change in name of the Standing Guild Committee. The word standing is to be dropped.

Miss Batton requested the Recording Secretary to read the report of the Conference Nominating Committee. The Recording Secretary read the following report and moved its adoption.

> The Conference Nominating Committee wishes to submit to you the following names for Conference Chairman of Spiritual Life, to fill the unexpired term of Miss Arline Tyler:
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> Miss Mildred Evans, 2 Chatham Drive, New Orleans, Louisiana, and Mrs. Helen Adams Preston, 1817 Seventh Street, Lake Charles, Louisiana.

A count of the voting members was made, there being 18 voting members present. Miss Arline Tyler and Miss Grace Lawson were appointed counting tellers. The ballots were distributed and the votes cast.

While the ballots were being counted, Mrs. Watson made comments about Missionary Service and passed out a list of the Missionaries, Deaconesses, US-2s and other workers sent out from Louisiana or who serve within the borders of our Conference.

The counting tellers returned to report Miss Mildred Evans had been elected to serve the one-year unexpired term of Miss Tyler as Conference Chairman of Spiritual Life.

Miss Batton presented the Conference budget as follows:

Conference Secretary	$ 180.00
Recording Secretary	50.00
Missionary Education Chairman	50.00
Spiritual Life Chairman	50.00
Christian Social Relations	50.00
Supply Work	50.00
Guild Times	150.00
Mid-Year Standing Committee & Coaching Conference	150.00
Annual Spring Meeting	400.00
Jurisdiction School of Missions	170.00
Jurisdiction Guild Weekend	150.00
Jurisdiction and Division Cultivation	150.00
	$1,600.00

Miss Evans moved the adoption of the budget. Motion duly carried.

Miss Batton presented the following pledge of $16,600 to be made by the District Secretaries at the afternoon session:

Alexandria	$ 1,800.00
Baton Rouge	2,500.00
Lafayette	1,000.00
Lake Charles	2,000.00
Monroe	2,200.00
New Orleans	2,150.00
Ruston	2,150.00
Shreveport	2,800.00
	$16,600.00

Mrs. Cotton moved the adoption of the pledge as read. Motion duly carried.

Miss Tyler distributed a report on the Week of Prayer and Self-Denial Collections. She urged that district secretaries and district chairmen of Spiritual Life promote the observance of this week in the local Guilds and that the collection be reported separately from the Woman's Society offering.

Miss Cooper invited the members to the Shreveport District Meeting on April 9 in Shreveport to hear the speaker, Mrs. W. B. Landrum, itinerating Woman's Division Field Worker. Miss White invited the members to hear Mrs. Landrum in Lafayette on April 16.

Miss Batton announced Jurisdiction Guild Weekend dates as June 23, 24, 25 at Mount Sequoyah and that only 21 from this conference would be able to stay on the mountain.

The Committee adjourned and a luncheon was served.

Marilynn Carter
Recording Secretary

PROGRAM

WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD

Lake Charles, Louisiana

March 18-19, 1961

"God Calls to Witness and Service"

Saturday, March 18

10:00 Registration ..... Lobby, Charleston Hotel
10:30 Conference Standing Committee Meeting ..... Mezzanine, Charleston Hotel
12:00 Conference Standing Committee Luncheon ..... Mezzanine, Charleston Hotel
1:00 Registration ..... Lobby, Charleston Hotel

AFTERNOON SESSION

Sanctuary, First Methodist Church

Jesus, We Look to Thee, Assembled in Thy Name

1:45 Organ Prelude: "Prelude in G Major" ..... Bach
Miss Juanelva Rose

Hymn: "The Voice of God Is Calling" ..... Number 454

Convening of thee TENTH ANNUAL MEETING ..... Miss Sue Batton, Presiding

Opening Worship ..... Mrs. Rosa McCullough

Welcome ..... Dr. Carl Lueg

Order of Business:
- Presentation of Program ..... Miss Marilynn Carter
- Report of Recording Secretary ..... Miss Marilynn Carter
- Committee Appointments
- Introductions
- Announcements

Hymn: "Guild Hymn"

Recognition of Retiring Officers ..... Mrs. L. B. Kilpatrick

Report of Conference Secretary ..... Miss Sue Batton

Reports of Conference Chairmen:
- Christian Social Relations ..... Mrs. E. T. Cowell
- Missionary Education and Service ..... Mrs. Austin Miller
- Spiritual Life Cultivation ..... Miss Arline Tyler
- Supply Work ..... Mrs. T. D. Guthrie

Report of Guild Times Editor ..... Miss Elizabeth Langford

Hymn: "Awake, Awake to Love and Work" ..... Number 455

To Give, and Give, and Give Again, What God Hath Given Thee

Pledge Service ..... Mrs. Herbert C. Loyd

4:15 Fellowship Tea ..... Fellowship Hall, First Methodist Church
DeQuincy, Maplewood, Welsh, and Westlake Guilds

By Many Hands the Work of God Is Done

6:00 Dinner ..... Colonial Room, Majestic Hotel
Mrs. E. T. Cowell, Presiding

Invocation ..... Mrs. Vivian Smith

Introductions

Soloist ..... Mrs. Fred Shirley
George Kreamer, Accompanist

Closing Prayer ..... Mrs. Irma Watson

EVENING SESSION

Sanctuary, First Methodist Church

Miss Sue Batton, Presiding

And Ye Are Witnesses of These Things

7:30 Organ Prelude: "Chorale in A Minor" ..... Franck
Miss Juanelva Rose

Hymn: "O Master Let Me Walk with Thee" ..... Number 259

Prayer ..... Rev. Don Hall

Anthem: "Praise Ye the Name of the Lord" ..... Arkangelsky
Youth Choir, First Methodist Church

Address: "God Calls to Women" ..... Mrs. Milton Raldolph

This Do in Remembrance of Me. Luke 22:19

Communion Service and Dedication of Gifts ..... Dr. Carl F. Lueg and Rev. Don Hall

Benediction ..... Dr. Carl F. Lueg

Sunday, March 19

COLONIAL ROOM

Majestic Hotel

Speak to Our Hearts, and Let Us Feel the Kindling of Thy Love

7:00 Quiet Breakfast ..... Miss Arline Tyler, Presiding

Invocation ..... Miss Marie Pace

Violin Music ..... Mrs. Sam Hudson
Mrs. E. H. Oakley, Accompanist

Meditation ..... Mrs. W. W. Paxton

Closing Prayer ..... Mrs. DeEllo Simon

8:30 Order of Business ..... Miss Sue Batton, Presiding
Election of Delegates
Reports of Committees

Their Voice Goes Out Through All the Earth, and Their Words to the End of the World. Psalm 19:4

9:00 Missionary Hour ..... Mrs. Austin Miller, Presiding

Hymn: "Dear Lord and Father of Mankind" ..... Number 342

Address: "The Urgent Call of the New Congo" ..... Miss Annimae White

Closing Prayer ..... Mrs. Travis Powell

10:00 Adjournment ..... Miss Sue Batton

10:50 Worship Service ..... First Methodist Church

12:15 Buffet Luncheon ..... Fellowship Hall, First Methodist Church
Julia Reid and Vera See Guilds

TENTH ANNUAL SPRING MEETING
LOUISIANA CONFERENCE WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD

March 18-19, 1961

The Tenth Annual Spring Meeting of the Louisiana Conference Wesleyan Service Guild convened in the sanctuary of the First Methodist Church, Lake Charles, Louisiana, on Saturday, March 18, 1961, at 1:45 p.m., with Miss Sue Batton, Conference Secretary, presiding.

Following an ogran prelude, the hymn "The Voice of God Is Calling" was sung. The program theme used throughout the meeting was "God Calls to Witness and Service."

The Conference Secretary declared the Tenth Annual Spring Meeting of the Louisiana Conference in session by the sounding of the gavel.

Dr. Carl Lueg, host pastor, gave the welcome address.

The opening meditation was given by Mrs. Rosa McCullough, Lake Charles District Chairman of Spiritual Life.

Miss Batton read a telegram received from Mrs. J. H. McSween, who expressed her regrets at not being able to attend the meeting and sent best wishes for a successful meeting.

The Recording Secretary, Marilynn Carter, who was Chairman of the Program Committee, presented the program for the meeting and moved its adoption. Motion carried.

Miss Carter, the Recording Secretary, gave a report on the recommendations of the Executive Committee Meeting. Miss Arline Tyler, Conference Chairman of Spiritual Life, resigned effective this meeting to assume Jurisdiction Wesleyan Service Guild Chairman of Spiritual Life. In accordance with the Conference Bylaws, the Guild Committee elected Miss Mildred Evans to serve the remaining year of the unexpired term. The Secretary moved that this body of delegates approve the action taken by the Committee. Motion duly carried.

The Executive Guild Committee having approved the following budget for the coming year, the Secretary moved its adoption. The motion was duly carried.

Conference Secretary	$ 180.00
Recording Secretary	50.00
Missionary Education Chairman	50.00
Spiritual Life Chairman	50.00
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Supply Work	50.00
Guild Times	150.00
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Jurisdiction School of Missions	170.00
Jurisdiction Guild Weekend	150.00
Jurisdiction and Division Cultivation	150.00
	$1,600.00

The Executive Guild Committee having recommended that $16,600 be pledged to Missions for the coming year, the Secretary moved this action be approved. Motion was duly carried.

The Recording Secretary read the committee appointments as follows: Journal Committee: Mrs. Alvin T. Sandefur, chairman, and Mrs. W. A. Cotton. Resolutions Committee: Miss Marie Pace, chairman, and Miss Maree White.

Miss Batton, Conference Secretary, introduced Mrs. Helen Adams Preston, chairman of Local Arrangements, who made several announcements. Miss Batton called the following conference Woman's Society officers to the platform for introduction and each made a few comments regarding her line of work: Mrs. Wideman Watson, Secretary of Missionary Education and Member-at-large on the Executive Guild Commitee; Mrs. Warren Orr, Secretary of Literature and Publications; Mrs. Herbert C. Loyd, Treasurer; Mrs. B. F. Patterson, Jr., Secretary of Promotion; and Mrs. C. J. Tackaberry, Secretary of Supply and Member-at-large on the Executive Guild Committee. Mrs. Alfred Knox, representative from the **Louisiana Methodist** was introduced. Then Mrs. Preston introduced the committees in charge of local arrangements. At the conclusion of these introductions the congregation joined in the singing of the "Guild Hymn."

At this time the Conference Guild presented, in honor of Miss Arline Tyler, out-going Conference Chairman of Spiritual Life, and Mrs. J. H. McSween, out-going Conference Treasurer, the sum of $200 to be sent to Missions Undesignated. A Corsage of Missions was pinned on Miss Tyler who expressed her deep appreciation at being honored in this way. In the absence of Mrs. McSween, a Corsage for Missions was pinned on Sue Batton who accepted the honor for Mrs. McSween. These presentations were made by Mrs. L. B. Kilpatrick.

Miss Batton, Conference Secretary, gave a report which showed the progress the Guild has made during the first three quarters of this year.

Reports were made by the following: Mrs. E. T. Cowell, Chairman of Christian Social Relations; Mrs. Austin Miller, Chairman of Missionary Education; Miss Arline Tyler, as Conference Chairman of Spiritual Life; Mrs. Minza Rabun made the report of the Chairman of Supply in the absence of Mrs. T. D. Guthrie; and Miss Elizabeth Langford, Editor of **Guild Times.**

A hymn, "Take Up Thy Cross," was sung.

A pledge service was conducted by Mrs. Herbert C. Loyd, assisted by Mrs. L. B. Kilpatrick, Miss Sue Batton, and the eight District Secretaries. The District Secretaries pledged the following amounts: Alexandria — $1,800; Baton Rouge — $2,500; Lafayette — $1,000; Lake Charles — $2,000; Monroe — $2,200; New Orleans — $2,150; Ruston — $2,150; and Shreveport — $2,800. Total pledge — $16,600.

The pledge service concluded the afternoon session, after which the group was entertained with a Fellowship Tea in the Church Fellowship Hall. In charge of arrangements were the DeQuincy, Maplewood, Welsh, and Westlake Guilds.

A dinner was served at 6:00 p.m. in the Colonial Room of the Majestic Hotel with Mrs. E. T. Cowell, Conference Chairman of Christian Social Relations, presiding. Mrs. Vivian Smith, Lake Charles District Chairman of Christian Social Relations, gave the invocation; introduction of ministers and their wives was made by Dr. Carl Lueg; and recognition of Conference officers was made by Miss Batton. The group was entertained by a number of songs by Mrs. Fred Shirley. She was assisted in one song by Dr. Lueg.

The banquet theme was "By Many Hands the work of God Is Done." In charge of arrangements was the Simpson Methodist Church Guild.

The closing prayer was given by Mrs. Irene Burns, New Orleans District Chairman of Christian Social Relations.

Evening Session

The evening session convened at 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary of the First Methodist Church with Miss Sue Batton presiding. A hymn " O Master Let Me Walk with Thee" was sung, and then Reverend Don Hall, assistant pastor of First Methodist Church, led in prayer. An anthem, "Praise Ye the Name of the Lord," was sung by the Youth Choir of the First Methodist Church.

The keynote address entitled, "God Calls to Women," was given by Mrs. Milton Randolph, Director of the Family Worship Department of the Upper Room. Mrs. Randolph's southern accent and inspiring message won for her many admirers.

The Communion Service and the Dedication of Gifts concluded the evening session. The love offering totaled $194.53. Dr. Lueg pronounced the benediction.

Sunday Morning

A quiet breakfast was held Sunday morning at 7:00 a.m. in the Colonial Room of the Majestic Hotel. The theme chosen for the breakfast was "Speak to Our Hearts and Let Us Feel the Kindling of Thy Love." Hostess to the breakfast was the University Wesleyan Service Guild of Lake Charles. Presiding at this session was Miss Arline Tyler, South Central Jurisdiction and Louisiana Conference Chairman of Spiritual Life. The invocation was given by Miss Marie Pace, Alexandria District Chairman of Spiritual Life. Violin music by Mrs. Sam Hudson, accompanied by Mrs. E. H. Oakley was played throughout the quiet time. The inspiring morning meditation was given by Mrs. W. W. Paxton, former missionary to Cuba and former Louisiana Conference Woman's Society Secretary of Spiritual Life. The closing prayer was given by Mrs. DeEllo Simon, New Orleans District Spiritual Life Chairman. The group was dismissed until 8:30 a.m.

The business session was called to order by Miss Sue Batton, Conference Secretary.

A count of the voting delegates was made, there being 75 voting delegates present.

Miss Batton called for the nomination of two delegates and two reserve delegates to Jurisdiction Guild Weekend. Nominated and duly elected were: Mrs. Alvin Sandefur and Mrs. C. G. Mainous as delegates; and Miss Maree White and Mrs. W. A. Cotton as reserve delegates.

Mrs. Alvin Sandefur reported for the Journal Committee. She stated that the committee had reviewed the minutes and found them to be correct and complete.

Miss Marie Pace, Chairman of the Resolutions Committee, presented the following resolution which was adopted:

> We, of the Resolutions Committee, on behalf of the Louisiana Conference Wesleyan Service Guild, wish to express our sincere appreciation to all those who made this our Tenth Annual Meeting possible. We extend special thanks to Dr. Carl F. Lueg, our host pastor, Rev. Don Hall, associate pastor, Mr. Lamar Robertson, Minister of Music, Miss Juanelva Rose, Organist, Miss Grace Lawson, Lake Charles District Secretary, and Mrs. Helen Adams Preston, Local Arrangements Chairman, and to all their special committees for registration, transportation, information, literature, Corsages for Missions, banquet, tea, breakfast, fellowship hour; and to everyone who helped.
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> To the program chairman, Miss Marilynn Carter, and her committee we express our deep appreciation for the outstanding program and beautiful music which warmed our hearts. To our guest speakers, we wish to extend special thanks for the inspirational messages they brought us.
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> In closing, we wish to thank Mrs. L. B. Kilpatrick for her guidance and cooperation and our own Miss Sue Batton for the untiring leadership and spiritual guidance she has given this Conference.
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> Respectfully submitted,
> Maree White
> Marie Pace, Chairman

Miss Mildred Evans, newly elected Conference Chairman of Spiritual Life, was presented. Miss Evans expressed her appreciation for the opportunity to serve the Conference in this capacity and pledged to do her best in carrying out her duties.

Mrs. Helen A. Preston reported $130 had been received from the sale of Corsages for Missions.

The Conference Secretary called for a report of the Constitution and By-laws Committee. The chairman, Miss Langford, reported work on the revision of the Bylaws and Standing Rules had not been completed but that the committee would continue their work and have a report ready for Conference action at the Annual Guild Weekend. The committee requested permission to submit the proposed Bylaws and Standing Rules to be published in the Conference Journal. Permission duly granted. Then Miss Langford requested that Maree White and Marilynn Carter be appointed to serve on the committee. It was so ordered.

The floor was open for an invitation for the meeting next year. An invitation was extended by Miss Mildred Evans, New Orleans District Secretary, on behalf of the First Methodist Church of New Orleans. Mrs. Edith Sigbornsen, President of the Wesleyan Service Guild of the First Methodist Church, also spoke endorsing the invitation. It was unanimously accepted.

Mrs. Jack D. Gregory, President of the Julia Reid Wesleyan Service Guild Unit, Lake Charles, and chairman of the Registration gave the following report on registration:

Alexandria — 13; Baton Rouge — 25; Lafayette — 8; Lake Charles — 80; Monroe — 26; New Orleans — 28; Ruston — 5; Shreveport— 28; Conference Guests — 6. Total net registration — 219.

The Conference Secretary requested that Miss Carter, Program Chairman, and Mrs. Preston, Local Arrangements Chairman, prepare a procedural file on the planning of this Spring Meeting for reference and help to the next Chairmen.

Miss Batton recognized the seven district secretaries present and Mrs. T. D. Guthrie, Jr., substituting for Mrs. Earl Nugent, Ruston District Secretary who was ill.

The Missionary Hour was called to order by Mrs. Austin Miller, Conference Chairman of Missionary Education, and opened with the singing of the hymn "Dear Lord and Father of Mankind."

Mrs. Miller presented the speaker of the morning, Miss Anniemae White, a missionary teacher for 30 years in the Congo. Miss White's last assignment has been teaching at the Union Secondary School at Katubue, near Luluaburg in Central Congo. Miss White spoke on "The Urgent Call of the New Congo." The Missionary Hour was closed with prayer by Mrs. Travis Powell, Alexandria District Chairman of Missionary Education.

The Tenth Annual Spring Meeting was adjourned by Miss Batton. Following the Sunday morning worship service at the First Methodist Church, the Guild members were served a buffet lunch by the Julia Reid and Vera See Units of the First Methodist Church.

Marilynn Carter
Recording Secretary

BYLAWS OF THE LOUISIANA CONFERENCE WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD

ARTICLE I — Name

Within the Louisiana Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service there shall be for employed women a conference Wesleyan Service Guild.

ARTICLE II — Purpose

The purpose of the Conference Wesleyan Service Guild shall be to plan and direct the work of the Guild within the conference in accordance with the constitution and bylaws of the Woman's Division.

ARTICLE III — Membership

Representatives from the Wesleyan Service Guilds in the districts, the number to be determined by the conference Guild according to its requirements, such district officers of the Guild as the conference Guild may determine, members of the conference Guild committee and members of the Committee of the Wesleyan Service Guild of the Woman's Division residing in the conference shall be members of the Conference Guild.

ARTICLE IV — Officers and Their Duties

SECTION 1. There shall be a secretary of the Wesleyan Service Guild who shall be the presiding officer of the Conference Guild. There shall be a recording secretary.

SECTION 2 These officers shall be elected from the membership of the Wesleyan Service Guild within the conference.

SECTION 3. (a) The Secretary of the Wesleyan Service Guild shall preside at the meetings of the conference Guild and serve as chairman of the Committee of the Wesleyan Service Guild of the conference. She shall promote the work of the Guild within the conference; receive reports from district secretaries of the Guild; report annually to the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the conference and to the jurisdiction secretary of the Guild. In accordance with the pattern of the Woman's Division she shall report to the executive secretary of the Wesleyan Service Guild of the Division. She shall be responsible for planning of meetings of the conference Guild; and shall represent the Guild and present its interests at the meetings of the conference society, of which she shall be an official member. She shall attend, as far as possible, district meetings of the Guild and shall be a member of the executive committee of the conference society. She shall present a budget to the committee on Finance of the conference society.

(b) The recording secretary shall keep the minutes of the conference meetings and perform such other duties as may be authorized by the conference Guild.

ARTICLE V — Committees and Their Duties

SECTION 1. There shall be a committee of the Wesleyan Service Guild of the conference composed of the Secretary of the Guild, the recording secretary, the chairmen of the lines of work, and the district secretaries of the Guild; the president, the treasurer, and the secretary of promotion of the conference Woman's Society and two other representatives of the Woman's Society to be elected by the conference Guild. Such additional members as the work demands may be co-opted.

SECTION 2. The Committee of the Wesleyan Service Guild of the conference shall assist in the planning of the work of the Guild within the conference. Chairmen to carry on the work of Spiritual Life, Missionary Education and Service, Christian Social Relations, Supply Work, and Literature and Publications shall be elected.

SECTION 3. There shall be a Committee on Nominations composed of three to seven members, whose duty shall be to present nominations of all officers, chairmen of lines of work, and members of the Committee on Nominations.

SECTION 4. There shall be a committee on By-Laws and Standing Rules appointed by the conference secretary. The conference secretary and recording secretary shall be members of this committee.

ARTICLE VI — Elections

SECTION 1. The officers of the conference Wesleyan Service Guild, the chairmen of Lines of Work, the two representatives of the conference Woman's Society, and the Committee on Nominations shall be elected by the conference Guild in regular meeting. The term of office and the time of assuming office shall conform to that prevailing in the conference Woman's Society.

SECTION 2. Vacancies occurring **ad interim** shall be filled for the remainder of the term involved by the conference Wesleyan Service Guild committee.

SECTION 3. The election of the conference secretary of the Guild shall be confirmed by the conference Woman's Society.

SECTION 4. (a) All elections shall be by ballot; except when there is only one candidate for office the election may be by **viva voce.**

(b) So that all vacancies shall not occur within the same year the following pattern shall be the rule in the election of officers: at the second year of the quadrennium the conference secretary, recording secretary, the chairman of Spiritual Life, and the Chairman of Christian Social Relations shall be elected.

(c) At the fourth year of the quadrennium the chairman of Missionary Education, the chairman of Supply, and the chairman of Literature and Publications shall be elected.

ARTICLE VII — Meetings

SECTION 1. There shall be an annual spring meeting of the conference Wesleyan Service Guild, where reports shall be received and necessary business transacted. All regular elections will be held at this spring meeting.

SECTION 2. There shall be an annual Guild Weekend meeting, dates to be determined by the conference committee. All necessary business may be transacted at this annual Weekend.

SECTION 3. The annual Spring Meeting and the annual Guild Weekend are designated as regular business meetings.

ARTICLE VIII — Amendments

Amendments to these by-laws may be made, on the recommendation of the Committee of the Wesleyan Service Guild of the Woman's Division, at any annual meeting of the Division, provided a thirty-day notice is given in writing to all members of the Division by the executive committee of the Division or by the Committee on Constitution and Bylaws of the Division.

COMMITTEE ON BYLAWS AND STANDING RULES

Elizabeth Langford, Chairman
Dorothy Dunbar
Sue Batton
Mrs. L. B. Kilpatrick
Mrs. Glenn Laskey
Marilynn Carter
Maree White

STANDING RULES OF THE LOUISIANA CONFERENCE WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD

RULE 1. Voting Membership: The Conference Wesleyan Service Guild shall have the following voting membership: one delegate from each local Guild for the first 20 members, plus one delegate for each 20 members or major fraction thereof. In addition, each member of the Conference Wesleyan Service Guild committee shall have one vote if present at the meeting; also, such members as are determined by Article III of the Bylaws of the Conference Wesleyan Service Guild may vote if present.

RULE 2. Conference Guild Committee: The Conference Wesleyan Service Guild Committee shall be composed of members as determined by Article V, Section 1, of the Bylaws. In addition to these the editor of **Guild Times** shall be a co-opted member, with voting privileges.

RULE 3. Conference Guild Committee Meetings:

A. There shall be at least two meetings of the conference Guild committee each year.

B. There shall be a coaching conference for the training of members of the conference Guild committee.

RULE 4. **Guild Times:**

A. The **Guild Times** shall be the official organ of the Wesleyan Service Guild for promotion of conference work.

B. The editor shall be appointed by the Conference Secretary and approved by the conference Guild committee at the annual Spring Meeting.

RULE 5. Reports: Out-going officers and chairmen of lines of work shall make all necessary reports for the current year.

RULE 6. Term of Office: When three or more years of an unexpired term are filled in a conference office it shall constitute a full term.

RULE 7. Special Meetings: If it becomes necessary to transact business at any time other than specified in Article VI of the Bylaws, notice of the holding of such meeting, with the date, place, and nature of the business to be transacted, must be given to all members of the conference Guild committee at least two weeks in advance of the meeting date.

RULE 8. Program Committee:

A. The program committee for Guild Weekend and the Spring Meeting shall be composed of the Conference Secretary, the Recording Secretary, the Chairmen of the Lines of Work, and the District Secretary of the district in which the meeting is to be held.

B. The committee shall elect its chairman annually at the Guild Weekend.

RULE 9. Nominating Committee:

A. The committee on nominations shall present a slate of eight candidates, one from each district, from which the conference Guild shall elect five members to compose the new committee on nominations.

B. The committee shall elect its chairman annually.

C. Nominations to fill unexpired terms shall be presented to the Conference Guild Committee.

RULE 10. Committee on Journal: A committee on Journal shall be appointed to approve the minutes of the conference sessions. All minutes of the conference shall be transcribed in a reasonable time, and shall be signed by the Conference Secretary and the Recording Secretary, and copies mailed immediately to Conference Wesleyan Service Guild Committee members.

RULE 11. Finances:

A. Expenses of the Annual Spring Meeting shall be paid from the conference cultivation fund. This includes expenses of the members of the Conference Guild Committee.

B. Expenses of members of the Conference Guild Committee to the Guild Weekend shall be paid from Conference Cultivation fund, since this meeting is designated as a business meeting.

C. Expenses of the Conference Secretary, Recording Secretary, Chairmen of Lines of Work, and such other persons co-opted to the Coaching Conference, shall be paid from Conference Cultivation fund.

D. Expenses of the District Secretaries to the Coaching Conference shall be paid from District Cultivation fund.

E. Expenses of the Conference Secretary and the Chairmen of three lines of work in the pattern to attend the Jurisdiction Guild Weekend and Jurisdiction School of Missions shall be paid from Conference Cultivation Fund. Travel shall be in one car from central location and expenses to and from this location shall be paid by the Conference. If the Secretary, or a Chairman, elects to travel by other transportation she shall do so at her own expense.

F. Expenses of the two elected delegates to Jurisdiction Guild Weekend shall be paid from Conference Cultivation Fund. The two elected delegates shall travel in one car with an allowed expense of five cents per mile. If they elect to travel in separate cars, they shall prorate the allowed expense of five cents per mile, or two and one-half cents per mile per car.

G. All expense accounts shall be approved by the Conference Secretary.

H. All funds over and above expenses at any conference meeting shall be returned to Conference Cultivation Fund.

I. The Conference Treasurer shall disburse all funds.

RULE 12. Cultivation Fund: The district cultivation fund shall be on the basis of 30c per member.

All Standing Rules or parts of Standing Rules in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

COMMITTEE ON BYLAWS AND STANDING RULES

Elizabeth Langford, Chairman
Dorothy Dunbar
Sue Batton
Mrs. L. B. Kilpatrick
Mrs. Glenn Laskey
Marilynn Carter
Maree White

BYLAWS OF LOUISIANA CONFERENCE WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

Constitution and Bylaws of the Conference Societies will be found in the new **Constitution and Bylaws of the Woman's Division of Christian Service.**

ARTICLE I.

Duties of officers and secretaries of lines of work, Sections 1 to 15 inclusive.

ARTICLE II.—Executive Committee

Section 1. The **Executive Committee** of the conference society shall be composed of the president, the vice-president, the recording secretary, the treasurer, the secretaries of children's work, Christian social relations, literature and publications, missionary education, missionary personnel, missionary service, promotion, spiritual life, student work, supply work, Wesleyan Service Guild and youth work; the chairman of the Conference News Sheet, the retiring conference president, who shall serve for one year, the resident Bishop, all members of the Woman's Division of Christian Service, officers and secretaries of lines of work of the jurisdiction society residing within the conference, chairmen of committees, the president of each district Woman's Society, and such other persons specifically related to the work of the Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service as the conference society may determine: and the following Ex-officio members: the conference director of youth work and the wife of the resident Bishop, who shall be an honorary vice-president. A majority shall constitute a quorum. The division shall provide the expense for the attendance of division members for one executive meeting annually of their conference society.

This committee shall be the coordinating group for the total educational and promotional program in the conference, and shall determine the officer or secretary of a line of work to be responsible for publicity. Vacancies occurring ad interim in officers or chairmen of committees of the society shall be filled by the executive committee upon the nomination of the Committee on Nominations. (See Article VI, Section 2 of the conference Wesleyan Service Guild bylaws in regard to ad interim vacancies of the Guild.)

Section 2. The executive committee shall constitute from its membership an **Administrative Committee** of seven officers and secretaries of lines of work, who shall meet upon the call of the president, to transact only necessary business in the interim between meetings of the executive committee. The committee shall be composed of the president, who shall be chairman, the vice-president, the recording secretary, the treasurer, the secretary of promotion, and two other members. The executive committee shall be advised immediately of business transacted by the administrative committee.

Section 3. Three years or more of an unexpired term of a conference office shall constitute a full term of office.

ARTICLE III.—Committees

Section 1. The conference society shall provide such committees as the needs require.

Section 2. There shall be a **Committee on Annual Meeting Program,** composed of the president, the vice-president, the recording secretary, secretary of Wesleyan Service Guild, and such other members as may be needed. The committee shall elect its chairman annually.

Section 3. There shall be a **Committee on Christian Social Relations** which shall include the members of the Department of Christian social relations of the Woman's Division living within the conference, the district secretaries of

Christian social relations, one or more representatives of the Wesleyan Service Guild, nominated by the committee of the Wesleyan Service Guild in the conference, and special resource people coopted as needed. This committee shall make recommendations to the conference society concerning the work of Christian social relations in accord with the lines of work outlined by the Woman's Division and jurisdiction society.

Section 4. There shall be a **Committee on Finance** composed of the treasurer of the conference society as chairman, the president, the secretaries of Christian social relations, missionary education, missionary service, promotion, supply work, and Wesleyan Service Guild, the treasurers of the districts and a limited number of other women appointed at the annual meeting of the conference society. This committee shall meet at least semi-annually, and on call of the chairman. It shall study the strength of the societies in the local churches and the pledges made; become informed as to conference income and disbursements; local financial possibilities and problems; recommend to the conference society constructive plans for securing funds for conference and district cultivation; and assist by counsel in the forming of the conference pledge and cultivation budget.

Section 5. There shall be a **Committee on Nominations**, composed of one representative from each district, nominated by the executive committee of the district Woman's Society of Christian Service, and one additional person, who will serve as chairman, all nominated by the conference executive committee and elected in the annual meeting of the conference Woman's Society of Christian Service. It shall be the duty of this committee to find specially qualified women in the conference who may serve as officers, secretaries of lines of work, chairmen of committees and members of the committee on nominations and nominate them, the term of service of these committee members to be determined by the executive committee.

Section 6. There shall be a **Committee on School of Missions and Christian Service** with a chairman and secretary elected annually by the committee. This committee shall be composed of the vice-president, the treasurer, the secretaries of Christian social relations, literature and publications, missionary education, missionary service, promotion, spiritual life, Wesleyan Service Guild, the dean, the assistant dean and such other members as may be authorized by the executive committee. This committee shall plan and promote a Conference School of Missions and Christian Service which shall give emphasis to the world mission of the Christian Church through an integrated program of missionary education, Christian social relations, spiritual life cultivation and program building, and which shall train leadership for the promotion of the total program of the Woman's Society of Christian Service.

Section 7. There shall be a **Committee on Spiritual Life** whose endeavor shall be to quicken the spiritual life of all Methodist women by helping them to deepen their prayer life and increase their sense of responsibility for personal service and giving. This committee shall keep in touch with the spiritual movements of the times and by prayerful research develop a clearer appreciation of the meaning of Christian living. It shall promote Christian stewardship, special studies and the use of the Bible and other devotional materials. The committee shall devise definite means of permeating the local church with a spiritual power that should lead to deeper consecration and to more active service.

Section 8. There shall be a **Committee on Study and Action** composed of the secretaries of Christian social relations, missionary education, missionary service, spiritual life and a representative of the Wesleyan Service Guild. This committee may co-opt such other members as may be needed. The chairman of this committee shall be elected annually by the committee.

It shall be the duty of this committee to consider all plans and recommendations referred to the Conference by the Jurisdiction Committee on Summer Schools and Conferences; to make recommendations concerning the use of approved study courses, joint study courses and cooperative courses. It may recommend also special informal studies in line with major needs. This com-

mittee shall develop a correlated program of education and action for the year which shall include seminars, workshops, retreats, and any other educational activities and shall make recommendations concerning the same to the conference society.

Section 9. There shall be a committee on Missionary Personnel composed of the conference secretary of missionary personnel, promotion, Wesleyan Service Guild, student work, youth work, the district secretaries of missionary personnel, the women members of the Joint Committee on Missionary Personnel of the Board of Missions, and the committee on missionary personnel of the Woman's Division residing within the conference. Others with experience in personnel work may be coopted.

This committee shall work in cooperation with the committee on missionary personnel of the Woman's Division. It shall search for consecrated young women of training and experience who may be available for Christian service; it shall interpret the standards of candidates for the types of service needed; it shall explain to prospective candidates the procedure in making applications to the Board; it shall recommend to the personnel secretary of the Joint Committee on Missionary Personnel of the Board the names of such persons who in the judgment of the committee shall be considered as prospective candidates; it shall cooperate in making plans for visitation within the Conference in the interest of personnel work. The committee shall send an annual report of its activities to the secretary of missionary personnel of the jurisdiction.

Section 10. There shall be a Committee on Constitution and Bylaws consisting of five members. It shall be the duty of this committee to watch all proposed legislation and call attention to any overlapping, conflicting or unnecessary items. It shall prepare for use in the annual report, a copy of the Bylaws adopted by the Conference, and the Standing Rules of Order. The chairman shall be elected by the executive committee.

Section 11. (a) An Advisory Committee shall be set up to help in planning and interpreting the work in the conference where there are one or more Rural Work Projects. It shall be composed of the president of the Conference Society, the secretary of missionary education, the chairman of the Board of Missions of the Annual Conference, the executive secretary of the Board of Education, the chairman of the Town and Country Commission, the district superintendents of the districts in which rural workers are located, and one or more members at large. The executive secretary of the Town and Country Bureau of the Woman's Division shall be an ex-officio member of the committee. While the committee may make recommendations, the actual decision as to the area in which the rural worker shall serve rests with the Conference Executive Committee of the Woman's Society of Christian Service. The rural deaconess shall report quarterly to the Rural Advisory Committee, who shall direct her work.

(b) There shall be set up in each district where there is a rural worker, a district advisory sub-committee, composed of the members of the Conference Advisory Committee residing in the district, and any additional members which the Conference Advisory Committee may wish to add. The sub-committee shall recommend to the executive committee of the conference the advisability of continuing each worker of the district.

Section 12. There shall be a committee on Annual Report composed of the recording secretary, who shall be chairman, the president, the treasurer, the secretary of promotion, and the secretary of the Wesleyan Service Guild. It shall be the duty of this committee to edit and publish the Annual Report of the Conference Society.

Section 13. There shall be a committee on Place of Meeting composed of three members, the chairman of which shall be a conference officer or secretary of a line of work. These members shall be appointed by the Administrative Committee and will serve for a quadrennium. It shall be the duty of the committee to select suitable meeting places for the Mid-Year and Annual Meeting of the Woman's Society and report to the Executive Committee their avail-

ability one year in advance of the meeting. Whenever possible the committee shall alternate the meetings between the northern and southern parts of the state.

Section 14. There shall be a committee on Cooperative Youth Work composed of the Conference Secretary of Youth Work, who shall be the chairman, the Conference Director of Youth Work, and the secretaries of Student Work and Missionary Personnel. The committee may coopt additional members as the need arises.

It shall be the duty of the committee to study the needs of youth, especially in the areas of Missionary Education and Christian Vocations, and to develop a correlated program of study and action to meet these needs. The committee shall consider the total programs of the Conference Methodist Youth Fellowship and the Methodist Student Organization and make recommendations to the Conference Society concerning opportunities and plans for cooperation with these organizations. It shall recommend to the districts plans for a unified approach to the total program of work with youth and their adult leaders.

ARTICLE IV.—Elections

Section 1. Only women residing within the bounds of the Conference, or who are actively participating members of churches within the bounds of the conference, shall be elected as conference officers or secretaries of lines of work.

The officers and secretaries of lines of work shall be elected biennially for a term of four years. No officer or secretary of line of work may immediately succeed herself in the same office, with the exception of the treasurer, who may be elected for one additional term.

To prevent vacancies in all offices at the same time, the following shall be elected at the annual meeting the second year of the quadrennium: a president, a treasurer, a secretary of children's work, a secretary of missionary personnel, a secretary of missionary service, a secretary of student work, and a secretary of youth work.

At the annual meeting of the fourth year of the quadrennium the following shall be elected: a vice-president, a recording secretary, a secretary of Christian social relations, a secretary of literature and publications, a secretary of missionary education, a secretary of promotion, a secretary of spiritual life, and a secretary of supply work.

Election shall be by ballot, a majority vote constituting election.

(a) Where there is only one nominee, the election shall be by voice.

Section 2. Conference officers, secretaries of lines of work and the Committee on Nominations shall take office June 1. The outgoing officers shall make the annual report.

Section 3. At the last annual meeting of the quadrennium the society shall elect six women from the conference, three of whom shall be conference officers or secretaries of lines of work, for membership in the jurisdiction society, all of whom shall serve for four years.

(a) The three officers shall be the president, the treasurer and the secretary of promotion. The other three shall be elected by name.

(b) If and when vacancies occur during the quadrennium among the designated officers, the successor in the office shall be the conference representative.

(c) Four reserve delegates from the conference officers shall be elected.

(d) If and when vacancies occur among the offices elected by name, the reserve delegates in the order elected, shall replace them.

(e) Election shall be by ballot, a majority vote constituting election.

Section 4. At the annual meeting of the conference society preceding the last annual meeting in the quadrennium of the jurisdiction society, the con-

ference society shall nominate three women for membership on the Board of Missions, the names to be sent to the Jurisdiction Society.

Section 5. At an annual or executive committee meeting of the conference society, at least six months preceding the Assembly, delegates to the Assembly shall be elected as follows: the conference president, one other conference officer or secretary of lines of work, the conference secretary of the Wesleyan Service Guild, or her representative, and one delegate from each district. (See district bylaws, Article IV, Elections, Section 4, concerning election of delegate.)

ARTICLE V.—Funds

Section 1. The conference society shall make an annual pledge to the Woman's Division of Christian Service.

Section 2. All undirected missionary gifts shall be divided in the office of the treasurer of the Division on a basis agreed upon by the Division. There shall be no division of missionary funds by the conference treasurer.

Section 3. Beginning in 1960-61 an amount up to fifteen per cent (15%) of the pledge to the Woman's Division may be set aside each year by the treasurer of the conference society for cultivation in the conference. Expenses of officers, speakers at annual meetings, expenses of executive committee meetings, expenses of delegates to the annual meeting of the Jurisdiction Woman's Society of Christian Service, expenses for promotional and educational work of the conference society shall be paid from this cultivation fund. All monies in the fund at the end of the fiscal year over the amount necessary to adequately carry on the conference work shall revert to the general fund.

Section 4. One-half of one cent per adult member of the conference society shall be sent by the conference treasurer to the Woman's Division for the Division Cultivation Fund.

Section 5. The week of Prayer and Self Denial offering shall be sent to the conference treasurer who in turn will channel it to the treasurer of the Woman's Division to be applied to the objects designated each year by the Woman's Division.

Section 6. All orders on the treasury must be approved by the Conference President and Secretary of Promotion.

ARTICLE VI.—Amendments and Additional Bylaws

Section 1. Amendments to these bylaws may be made by majority vote at any annual meeting of the Woman's Division, provided a thirty-day notice is given in writing to all members of the Division by the executive committee or by the Committee on Constitution and Bylaws of the Division.

Proposed amendments to the bylaws shall be sent to the recording secretary of the Division for presentation to the Division.

Section 2. Additional bylaws may be made and amended by majority vote at any annual meeting of the Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service, provided a thirty-day notice is given in writing to the executive committee of the conference, or to the standing committee on Constitution and Bylaws and provided they are in harmony with the Division constitution and bylaws for the Conference Society. Copies shall be made for distribution to delegates.

BYLAWS OF THE DISTRICT WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

The Constitution and Bylaws of District Societies will be found in **Constitution and Bylaws of the Woman's Division of Christian Service.**

ARTICLE I.

Duties of officers and secretaries of lines of work Section 1 to 15 inclusive.

ARTICLE II.—Executive Committee

Section 1. The **Executive Committee** of the district society shall be composed of officers, secretaries of lines of work and chairmen of committees of the district society; zone leaders; members of the Woman's Division and the officers and secretaries of lines of work of the jurisdiction and conference societies who are members of the district society; and the district superintendent. A majority shall constitute a quorum.

This committee shall meet prior to the meeting of the district society, shall consider the advance plans projected by the conference society, make recommendations to the district society for carrying forward these plans, and shall determine the officer, or secretary of line of work to be responsible for publicity. Vacancies occuring ad interim in offices or chairmen of committees of the society shall be filled by the executive committee upon the nomination of the Committee on Nominations.

Section 2. The executive committee shall constitute from its membership an **Administrative Committee** of seven officers and secretaries of lines of work who shall meet upon call of the president, to transact only necessary business between meetings of the executive committee.

ARTICLE III.—Committees

Section 1. The district society shall provide such committees as the needs may require, under the guidance of the conference society.

Section 2. There shall be a **Committee on Annual Meeting Program** composed of the president, the vice president, the recording secretary, and such other members as may be needed. The committee shall elect its chairman annually.

Section 3. There shall be a **Committee on Finance** composed of the treasurer of the district, as chairman, the president, secretaries of Christian social relations, missionary education and service, promotion, supply work, Wesleyan Service Guild, and a limited number of other women appointed at the annual meeting of the district society.

This committee shall meet at least semi-annually, and on call of the chairman. It shall be the duty of this committee to study the strength of the societies in the local churches and the pledges made; become informed as to district income and disbursements, local financial possibilities and problems; assist by counsel in the forming of the district pledge and cultivation budget; and cooperate with the conference society in promoting and supporting the total financial program of the Woman's Division.

Section 4. There shall be a **Committee on Nominations** elected at the annual meeting of the district society whose duty it shall be to find specially qualified women in the district who may serve as officers, secretaries of lines of work, chairmen of committees and members of the Committee on Nomination, and nominate them.

ARTICLE IV.—Elections

Section 1. Only women residing within the bounds of the district, or who are actively participating members of churches within the bounds of the district shall be elected as district officers or secretaries of lines of work. The district society shall determine the method of election of its officers.

Section 2. District officers and secretaries of lines of work shall be elected for a term of two years, with the privilege of re-election for one additional term in the same office, with the exception of the treasurer, whose term is limited to eight years. One year or more of an unexpired term shall constitute a full term, with the privilege of re-election.

To prevent vacancies in all offices at the same time, the offices shall be divided into two groups, with the election of one group each year. Group number one shall be composed of: a president, a treasurer, secretaries of child-

ren's work, missionary personnel, student work, and youth work. Group number two shall be composed of: a vice president, a recording secretary, secretaries of Christian social relations. literature and publications, missionary education, promotion, spiritual life, and supply work.

Section 3. The term of all officers, secretaries of lines of work and the committee on nominations shall begin June 1. The outgoing officer shall make the annual report.

Section 4. At an annual executive committee meeting at least six months preceding the Assembly, one delegate shall be elected from each district by the district executive committee, who shall be a district officer, or secretary of lines of work. The expense of the district representative shall be paid by the District.

Section 5. Districts shall be divided into zones according to their size. A leader for each zone shall be elected by their respective zone for a term of two years with the privilege of re-election for one additional term. The number of zone meetings to be held during the year and program for same shall be determined by the district executive committee. An offering may be taken at each meeting. The leader may deduct any necessary expense of the meeting before remitting to the district treasurer.

ARTICLE V.—Cultivation Funds

Section 1. Each district shall set up a fund for district cultivation and expenses according to its needs, secured through a plan recommended by the conference Committee on Finance and approved by the conference society.

(a) Each local society shall include in its budget for district cultivation an amount equal to fifteen cents (15c) per member, to be remitted to the district treasurer.

(b) District treasurers shall set aside funds each year for the expenses of a delegate to the Assembly.

ARTICLE VI.—Amendments and Additional Bylaws

Section 1. (See Article 6, Amendments and Additional Bylaws, Conference Society.)

Section 2. Additional bylaws may be made and amended by the District Woman's Society provided they are in harmony with the Woman's Division constitution and bylaws for the district society.

RULES OF ORDER

1. Each meeting shall open and close with a religious service.

2. All resolutions shall be presented in writing and signed by two members.

3. Courtesies shall be limited to ten minutes before the noon devotional service.

STANDING RULES OF THE CONFERENCE

1. Thirty days before the Annual Meeting the Conference recording secretary shall send to the president of each society in the conference registration cards, which she will fill in with the names of the delegates and, with check covering meals, mail immediately to the chairman of Registration in the society entertaining the Conference.

2. Representation at Annual Meetings of the Conference shall be one delegate for each hundred members or major fraction thereof. Each society, however small, shall have one delegate.

3. The conference membership at an annual meeting shall be composed of the following persons who have the privilege of voting: the executive committee, all local delegates, the wife of the resident Bishop, all past conference presidents, the chairman of the Deaconess Board, all district officers and secretaries of lines of work, and all zone leaders.

4. The hostess society for the Annual Meeting shall provide homes for the Conference Executive Committee and delegates from societies with 20 members or less. Hotel accommodations shall be arranged for delegates from societies with more than 20 members, the expenses to be paid by their society.

5. The conference shall pay expenses of the conference president, the recording secretary, the treasurer and the chairman of Annual Meeting Program at a hotel during Annual Meeting.

6. A half hour of each forenoon during the Annual Meeting of the Conference shall be devoted to worship.

7. A typist shall be supplied at the Annual Meeting for the typing of committee reports, expense of same to be paid by the Conference.

8. The Program Committee shall meet during or immediately following the Annual Meeting to consider plans for selecting speakers for the next Anual Meeting. Whenever possible, speakers who come from a distance shall be secured to address both the Annual Meeting of the Woman's Society of Christian Service and the Wesleyan Service Guild.

9. The conference president may attend the Annual Meeting of the Woman's Division of Christian Service either her first or second year of office at conference expense.

10. Each officer shall render to the conference treasurer quarterly itemized statements covering office expense. Itemized expense accounts may be submitted in advance of expenditures or afterwards.

11. Conference officers are expected to provide postage for all communications from the Conference officers, such as circulars, letters, literature, etc., that go to the corresponding officers of the District or local society.

12. In view of the fact that letters have been received from certain business concerns asking the Woman's Division to endorse and promote through its channels their plans to help local societies of Christian Service to make profits by selling their products, we urge a strong statement to be sent in reply, refusing such endorsement.

13. Since the Woman's Society has a definite responsibility for support of the program of the Woman's Division, the Louisiana Conference wishes to point out that it is not the responsibility of the Woman's Society officers at the Conference or District level to seek contributions from the Womans Societies' treasuries for the support of projects which are the responsibility of the Annual Conference or the District of the church.

14. Transportation by car for conference officers on official business shall be allowed five cents per mile. Car pools are recommended and care should be exercised to accommodate four persons in a car whenever possible. When conference and district officers of the Woman's Society of Christian Service and the Wesleyan Service Guild and other riders travel together in a car, each person should share in the expenses of the car; the conference officer charging her pro rata share to the conference, and the district officer charging hers to the district, and the other riders assuming their share in the expenses of the car.

15. A sum not to exceed $300.00 per year shall be allowed the secretary of Christian Social Relations for the promotion of this department of work in the conference.

16. In each year where there is a surplus from Cultivation Funds, an amount up to $300.00, the exact amount to be determined by the Finance Committee, shall be set aside as Designated Funds to be used for recruitment. The limit to this fund shall be decided by the **Administrative Committee.**

17. An amount not to exceed $3000.00 may be raised on the local level by freewill offerings at the rate of 25 cents per member to be allocated toward the salary of a Youth Worker on the staff of the Louisiana Moral and Civic Foundation.

18. When death occurs among members of the executive committee, or to relatives living within the home of executive committee members, a remembrance gift of $5.00 may be sent as a memorial.

19. When young women from the Louisiana Conference are commissioned as Deaconesses or as Missionaries, a gift of $25.00 shall be presented them and a Special Membership given in their honor. When missionaries return to the field after furlough, an additional $25.00 is to be given them.

20. Conference officers in the pattern attending the Jurisdiction School of Missions are each allowed $10.00 subsidy from the Woman's Division and/or the Jurisdiction. District officers substituting for conference officers in the same line of work and meeting all requirements will be allowed the subsidy.

21. Expenses of one car from each district to the Conference School of Missions will be paid by the conference from the point where car pool originates. The district will assume expense of persons to the place car pool originates.

22. A subsidy of $9.00 per person shall be paid all the district officers of the Woman's Society and Wesleyan Service Guild and conference chairmen of lines of work of the Wesleyan Service Guild in the quadrennial pattern attending and meeting the requirements of work of the Conference School of Missions.

23. A Committee on Journal shall be appointed to approve the minutes of the Conference session. All minutes of the Conference shall be signed by the president and the recording secretary.

24. The conference recording secretary shall have printed in the Annual Report a mailing list, according to categories, to whom the Annual Report is to be sent.

25. Standing Committees shall meet for organization before leaving the seat of the Conference. Each committee shall have the right to make its own quorum. Expenses for an annual meeting of each standing committee shall be allowed.

26. There shall be a District committee to visit home institutions within the bounds of the District, composed of the District treasurer, and the District secretary of Supply Work.

STANDING RULES FOR LOCAL SOCIETIES

1. No new society can be reported until a quarterly report has been sent to the District treasurer and a period report to the secretary of Promotion.

2. In order that the society entertaining the Annual Meeting may not be deprived of the benefits of the meeting, meals shall be served by an outside agency.

3. In case any society is not sending a member as a delegate to the Annual Meeting of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, that society may elect its zone leader to serve in that capacity, and may also assist in paying her expenses.

4. One-fourth of the membership of the society shall constitute a quorum for the election of officers.

5. The president of the society shall be responsible for the calling of an Executive meeting the last of each period, at which time the reports should be made out and mailed to the District officers.

6. The treasurer of each local society shall send a copy of the total budget to the District treasurer not later than July 15.

7. The secretary of Promotion in each society shall send the Memorial Roll to the secretary of Promotion of the District not later than March 10.

8. Societies having the Circle plan of organization shall shift the membership of circles at least every two years.

9. A report presenting all resolutions and plans adopted should be made by the delegates at the first meeting of the society after the Annual Meeting of the Conference Society.

10. All monies remaining in the treasury at the close of the fiscal year, except those designated for local work shall be sent to the District treasurer to be channeled by her to the Conference treasurer.

11. All appeals for funds outside the institutions and agencies of the Woman's Division shall be referred to the committee on Finance before being presented to the society.

12. District, Conference and Jurisdiction officers shall be members of the Executive Committee of their local societies.

13. A contribution of 25c per member may be sent annually through regular channels for the Louisiana Moral and Civic Foundation.

14. Officers should be elected in February. Those elected shall assume their duties the first of June.

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Division:
- President of the Woman's Division
- General Secretary of Woman's Division
- Woman's Division Member in Louisiana
- Executive Secretaries of Department of Work in Home Fields

Jurisdiction:
- South Central Jurisdiction President and Guild Secretary
- Presidents and Recording Secretaries of each Conference in Jurisdiction
- Jurisdiction officers residing in Louisiana

Conference:
- Past president of Louisiana Conference
- Louisiana conference officers and those recently retired
- Chairmen and members of Conference Nominating Committee
- Guild: conference secretary, recording secretary, and chairmen of lines of work

District:
- All district officers and secretaries of lines of work
- 5 copies to each district secretary of promotion
- Guild: district secretaries and chairmen of lines of work

Local:
- Woman's Society local presidents and zone leaders
- Guild local presidents

Missionaries, Deaconesses, and Workers:
- Directors of Projects under Woman's Division in Louisiana
- Missionaries from Louisiana in Foreign Field
- Deaconesses, Contract Workers and U.S. 2's from Louisiana Conference
- Retired missionaries and deaconesses from Louisiana

Miscellaneous:
- Bishop Aubrey G. Walton
- LOUISIANA METHODIST
- Office of Methodist Information
- Editor of GUILD TIMES
- Louisiana Youth Commission
- 2 copies to Centenary College Library
- Editor of CONFERENCE NEWS AND PROMOTION
- Secretary of Louisiana Conference
- 8 District Superintendents
- Executive Secretary of Board of Missions, South Central Jurisdiction

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